



"LO A
VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

Father, Take My Hand

The Breton mariner puts to sea with this prayer: "Keep me, O God! My boat is small and Thy ocean is wide!"



Y Father, take my hand, for I am prone
To danger, and I fear to go alone.
I trust Thy guidance. Father, take my hand;
Lead Thy child safely thru the desert land.

The way is dark before me; take my hand,
For light can only come at Thy command.
Clinging to Thy dear love, no doubt I know,
That love will cheer my way wh'er I go.
Father, the storm is breaking o'er me wild;
I feel in bitterness; protect thy child.
The tempest-clouds are flying thru the air;
Oh, take my hand, and save me from despair,
Father, as I ascend the craggy steep
That leads me to Thy temple, let me keep
My hand in Thine, so I can conquer time
And by Thine aiding to Thy bosom climb.
Father, I feel the damp upon my brow,
The chill of death is falling upon me now;
Soon from earth's flitting shadows I must part;
My Father, take my hand, Thou hast my heart.

—Samuel Dowse Robbins.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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JAN. 29 -- HOME COMING DAY
LET'S RALLY AND LIFT THE GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

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NOTICES

To the churches in the Perry district:
There will be a Y. P. E. district convention the first Sunday in February. Everybody come. Bring filled baskets. We are expecting Brother Edd Williams and Brother Berl Sumner to be with us.—Harry McCray, President of Y. P. E.

Brother E. O. Sells, pastor at Akron, Ohio, reports a great revival in progress with Troy C. Messer, Pittsburgh, Pa. acting as evangelist. Twenty-three converts so far and new ones coming to the altar nightly. Rev. Sells reports God having healed his body after fourteen days' fasting.

Homer E. Ramsey now in a revival at Ennis, W. Va. reports thirteen saved, six sanctified, three filled with Holy Ghost, twenty in altar and large attendance. He requests prayer.

S. B. McCane, Barnabus, W. Virginia, reports that under date of Jan. 18 his little boy was bitten by a mad dog and requests prayer. This is the second child to suffer such an attack within less than a year. He requests prayer.

To the saints of God everywhere: We earnestly make this appeal to you as we have no Church of God here. Please pray that God will lead a man of God here to preach the Word of God. People are in darkness and blinded by the enemy of their souls and need the light on God's Word. There are many here who are hungry for the truth. Some of them would be real Church of God material if only the truth was preached to them. Please remember how we need a revival and need the Lord in our midst to own and bless. The place we want the meeting is Lane, Okla.—Mary Belcher, Rt. 2, Atoka, Okla.

The Church of God at Toonigh, Ga. is having Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 11:00 a. m. each Sunday. We are expecting to have each member of this church present at these services. Members, we need you and your cooperation. We earnestly solicit an interest in the prayers of the praying people.—V. E. Hooks, pastor.

The Mississippi state convention for the colored work will convene at Rome, Miss., July 27-30, conducted by the writer and others.—Alex Richard, col.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Union, S. C. the last Sunday in January. This is the day the Assembly set aside to raise money on the general indebtedness so come on, friends and members of the Church of God, and let's go over the top in this drive. We have just about all our pencils sold and I have nearly all my Bibles engaged and by the help of the Lord I am going to pay my \$5.00. Now we want to do all this by the last Sunday in January

HOME COMING DAY

For several issues the Editor and Publisher has called the attention of our people over the entire country, thru the Evangel, concerning the home coming day recommended by the General Indebtedness Committee, and on that day there is to be a special collection taken to be applied on the Headquarters debts. I am giving you here verbatim the act of the Assembly recommended by the Indebtedness Committee concerning the plan to liquidate the debts.

"We, your committee on the General Indebtedness, recommend that all Church of God ministers be assessed \$5.00 each to apply on the General Indebtedness at Headquarters, to be paid before Feb. 1, 1933.

"2. We further recommend that the Church put on a campaign of selling Bibles, in which all the overseers, pastors, and evangelists be expected to sell one half dozen (6) each, the proceeds to apply on General Indebtedness.

"3. We also recommend that 1,000 churches sell 250 pencils each at 5c, at a net profit of \$6,250.00 to apply on the Church debt.

"4. We recommend that on the fifth Sunday in January all churches have a general home coming day and make a special drive on the General Indebtedness."

I hope that all have made arrangements for this home coming day and that God will help us to raise money to apply on these debts. It will be remembered that we have stated oftentimes in the paper that these debts were saddled on the Church by our predecessors and according to the rulings of the courts, we will have to pay these debts. Immediately after the court decision a check-up showed that there was approximately \$64,000.00 indebtedness and this has been cut down so that up until last Assembly the amount was \$23,330.00. The pencil drive and the sale of Bibles have been going forward with splendid success. Quite a few have paid their \$5.00 assessment. I wish to say to the congregations located everywhere our people have a work, if your ministers are not able to pay their \$5.00, will some of their friends pay it for them?—Respectfully, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

so come on, one and all, and bring some money to help on this drive.—Your humble servant and pastor, J. R. Mullinax.

I am a Church of God home missionary. I have a large field to work and work with white people, Spanish people and Indians. I thank God because He is blessing the work. Now I need thousands of old Church of God Evangelists. I am asking the Church of God people to send me their old Church of God papers after they have read them, as I can use thousands of them, and God will bless you. I give out what I get but I need more. I am looking for a Church of God to be set in order when God gets it just right. Pray for us and don't forget to send us your old Church of God Evangelists.—D. I. Webb, Box 335, Cottonwood, Ariz.

I am glad I know all is well with my soul. Dear saints, please pray for this place for we surely have some hard fighters here, but God is able to do all things. One man who has been a minister for years has received light on the Holy Ghost and wants to become a member of the Church of God as he understands some things. We have a little band of six who are standing for the truth but we have no church set in order here yet. We would be glad to have our state overseer come this way for we need some explanations concerning the Church. We have meeting on Sunday at one o'clock, prayer meeting Wednesday and Friday nights at my home for we have no place of worship. We would be glad to have a Church of God minister come and be with us for a meeting. We need help.—With love to God's family, a sister under the blood, C. A. Rowsey, Rensford, W. Va.

The Church of God at Aaron would like to know the spiritual condition of Brother Steward Barber. If not heard from by next conference his name will be dropped. If any one sees him, please inform him of this notice. He was last heard of in Florida. Our next conference will be about three months from now.—Mrs. Hattie Crews, clerk, Summit, Ga., Rt. 2.

To the Churches of God in West Virginia: This is to let you know that Brother W. S. Ross has been appointed State Evangelist of West Virginia and his address at present is Ironton, Ohio. You can get in touch with him there. Brother Ross is a good evangelistic preacher, also a good evangelistic singer, and has been very successful in revival work. He will be a great blessing to your church in soul saving and encouraging the saints. Those desiring him for a meeting, write him at the above address and he will be glad to assist you in any way in your revival work.—Yours in His service, H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of West Virginia.

This is to notify the preachers and churches in the state of Texas that our Ranger district convention will convene at Ranger, Feb. 17-19, D.V. Churches in this district are as follows: Ranger, Graham, Strawn, and Desdemona. Everybody is cordially invited. Churches, be sure and see that your pastor gets to attend this meeting. Come on, everybody, and enjoy the feast with the Lord. We are expecting the good presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—We are as ever your servant and overseer, J. C. Coats, Box 285, Weatherford, Tex.

We would like to hear from the following: (Continued on page 26)



The Tragedy of Modern Theology

MODERN Theology is thoroughly unorthodox and is more responsible for the absence of young people from our churches than the moving picture shows. Too many of our churches have become ethical societies instead of soul-saving stations. Infidels masquerading as men of God are doing more to take the Bible out of the Public Schools than all the theories of evolution, and we will never get the Bible back into the schools until we get infidelity out of our churches.

RELIGIOUS INFECTION

Modern Theology is a religious infection centered in the heart of organized Christianity. Modern Theology, while retaining an outward appearance of Christianity, not only rejects everything of a supernatural nature but casts the Bible aside as the infallible word of authority. They say: "We have learned not to think of the Bible as the final and infallible Word of authority, and have come to see that there is no such authority and that we need none"; that "The Bible has all the marks of a deliberate human composition," and that "God has no existence apart from the universe"; that "There never has been a creation, and if man fell it was an upward fall, for man is under a process of evolution and Christ was a master product of evolution." Oh, the tragedy of Modern Theology! They say, "Man's present moral condition is due to his failure to rise out of the animal; the Virgin Birth and a literal resurrection are no essential part of Christianity"; that "Immortal life is something to be earned by slow conquest," or in other words, salvation by education instead of regeneration.

A well-known professor in a well-known Christian University gives forth the fundamental doctrines of Modern Theology in the following words: "Gone are the old ideas of religion; gone is the old notion of the divinity of the sacrament, of the efficacy of prayer, of the authority of the Scriptures, of the divinity of Christ, gone even is the former view of the immortality of the soul." This is present-day Theology, proclaimed from some of the high places of religious authority.

Again they tell us: "Not supernatural regeneration, but natural growth; not

Fatality of Compromising

By J. N. HOOVER

LAKE GENEVA CAMP,
ALEXANDRIA, MINN.

divine sanctification, but human education; not supernatural grace, but natural morality; not the divine expiation of the cross, but the human heroism, or accident of the cross; not Christ the Lord, but the man Jesus, who was the child of His time; but God and His providence, but evolution and its process without an absolute goal—all this and such as this is the new turn in the affairs of religion at the tick of the clock." This is the doctrine of Modern Theology. They tell us, "That cold, calculating mathematical idea of the cross is no less than brutal and it leaves us cold." They declare "people no longer believe in an actual heaven and hell and we need to get rid of these medieval superstitions." This is Modern Theology—a religion without an experience, a theory without facts, a form of worship without power. Men have crept into our denominations who are not true; who are not faithful; who are not Christians; who are rationalists, infidels and atheists.

While this condition is deplorable we need not be surprised, for is it not written in the Holy Scriptures, "Of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them"? Acts 20:30. Also in II Timothy 4:3, 4, I read, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Ye shall know them by their fruit.

These Modernists declare, "The Bible account of the beginning of things is merely the weak strivings of the people of that time to grasp the tremendous facts of creation," that "The accounts of creation in the Bible are absurd." What better material could the atheist or the

evolutionist want than Modern Theology which some theologians are handing out in the classroom and over the sacred altars in many sanctuaries? Atheism finds ample room for expansion in the field of Modern Theology.

This perhaps is the chief reason why 60,000 churches in the United States failed to report a single convert in 1928. This perhaps is the reason why between 7,000 and 8,000 churches closed their doors and quit business last year. This step backward was not for the lack of money, for the church is very rich, her financial report reaching \$600,000,000. Automobiles, radios and the movies are not the chief cause for the lack of interest in the churches. After years of experience and observation I am convinced that church members themselves are to blame for the empty pews and the low tide of spiritual life in the average church of today. The power to dispose of the cold and lifeless form of public worship lies with the members. If the official board is in the way, out with them. If the minister in the pulpit is to blame remove him. If the church is unable to secure the service of a minister who cannot distinguish the difference between regeneration and education, between spirituality and morality, then gather in your sanctuary, read the Bible, pray, sing, be sincere and evangelistic in your public service and you will become soul winners that need not to be ashamed. Many times the sermonette spoils the atmosphere of public worship.

A distinguished editor of one of our great daily papers recently said, "I went to church yesterday to listen to a sermon and I heard a lecture." Many of our preachers refer to the statements of Shakespeare, Longfellow and Tennyson more than to Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures. Alas! many ministers seek to display their intellectual attainments rather than follow the leading of the Holy Ghost. Some seek to hold a congregation by entertainment, but it is folly to imitate the theatre. Church services should be cheerful, enthusiastic and evangelistic. Too many of our ministers desire popularity rather than spirituality.

COMPROMISE

To compromise is not only the evidence
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Jan. 29 was ruled by the General Assembly as home coming day at which time all local churches should lift an offering to apply on the General Indebtedness at Headquarters. Please do your best to make this a great success.

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We are quoting prices on job printing and would appreciate your business. You will be helping your own house by giving us your work.

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BIBLES

We are now in position to ship the General Indebtedness Bibles by return mail. The Bibles are selling very well. If all the ministers haven't sold their quota and will order, the proceeds will make a nice reduction on the indebtedness this year. Those who could sell more than six Bibles should sell more. You are not only reducing the indebtedness here at Headquarters, but doing a great work in putting the Word of God in the hands of the people.

PENCILS

Our contract for 250,000 pencils should be sold by April 1. To date we have received orders for about 95,000 pencils leaving 155,000 yet to go. Ministers that have not ordered theirs either write your state overseer or Headquarters for an order blank and do your best to sell your quota. Please do not return pencils to Sanders Mfg. Co. If you have matters

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REPORTS OF REVIVALS

Many splendid reports of successful revivals in various states are coming to Headquarters. It seems the revival spirit is running high again this year. We expect many new churches and a great year for the Church of God. Please send us reports of your state conventions, district conventions and revivals. These are very interesting and encouraging to the ministers and members of the church generally.

JUDAS AGAIN BETRAYS CHRIST

(Excerpts from debate in House of Representatives as given by the Nashville Banner, December 21, 1932).

"Clinton N. Howard, chairman of the National United Committee for Law Enforcement, had circulated among the legislators a communication headed 'Congress Celebrates Christmas,' which in part said: 'Not since the Crucifixion has a more shocking proposal been made by any nation calling itself Christian than the sacrilegious attempt of the American Congress to celebrate the birth of the Son of God by passing the Beer for Revenue Bill on the calendar of the House for discussion and action.

"No such insult has been offered to the Son of God in any nation calling itself Christian since Judas Iscariot gave Him the kiss of betrayal and sold Him for thirty pieces of revenue. If the House passes the Beer for Revenue Bill on Holy Christmas week and puts it into the public treasury which the murderers of our Lord refused to do because it was 'the price of blood,' the Seventy-second Congress will wear the brand of Cain to the end of Eternity'."—Selected.

MINISTERS' \$5.00 ASSESSMENT

Below we give the names of the ministers who have paid their \$5.00 assessment: R. E. Drymon, N. B. Osban, J. H. Walker, E. C. Clark, E. J. Boehmer, S. W. Latimer, F. M. Waldron, W. W. Harmon, J. C. Lentz, E. B. Culpepper, Annie M. Lindsey, H. L. Chesser, Rome Brous, Hattie Brous, Curtis M. Dunn, J. W. Culpepper, Paul H. Walker, F. B. Marine, C. F.

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Brother J. R. Davis reports that Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer of Georgia, is in a good revival at Lindale, Ga. He requests that you please remember them in prayer.

I AM A CHILD OF GOD

E. LAPORT, N. C.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am truly praising the Lord this morning for His saving grace. I am truly a child of God, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name!

I praise the Lord for the revival that has been conducted by Brother C. A. Watson here at the home of Brother E. D. Hopkins. The services began Nov. 15 and closed Dec. 4. The Lord was with us manifesting His wonderful power. No souls were saved but several were seeking the Lord. The Lord truly increased our faith by using one of his servants in handling fire, two handfuls, without being burned. Glory be to God in the highest! Pray for us.—Wilma Tolbert.

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Jaffa and Its Environs

ON the morning of Aug. 15, 1930 we had our first view of the "Promised

Land." It was not from the lofty peak of Mt. Nebo from whence Moses beheld it in the long ago, but from the deck of the S.S. Sinala. We certainly had a kindred feeling to that of Moses when he made his vast survey even though it was under entirely different circumstances.

Before us lay the town of Jaffa which seemed at the distance to be very beautiful. The large boulders that rose above the water for quite a distance from the shore made it all the more beautiful though very unsafe for large boats that would venture too near the shore. Many small boats manned by four or six Arab boatmen were seen passing through a gap or gateway through the ledge of rocks. These were either carrying passengers or bringing their wares of different kinds to the boat to sell. But it was not with these that we were concerned.

It was to this port that Hiram the king of Tyre delivered floats of cedar for the construction of Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem which was taken over land to the temple site, approximately forty miles distant.

It is well to remember that this was the port to which Jonah came for embarkation when he ran away from the call of God; for the Word of the Lord had come to Jonah saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh that great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord." Jonah 1:2, 3. He certainly must have had great remorse of conscience as he boarded the ship for first of all he had disobeyed God, and after such a willful disobedience, to trust his life in the hands of the rough seafaring men such as navigated the Mediterranean Sea in those days. As we looked upon the rough countenance of the Arab boatmen in port, we wondered if they too would not throw a man overboard who had caused them to imperil their own lives on a stormy sea. The answer is that there are few today who would not do the same thing before taking the chance of being cast upon the rocks of Jaffa.

From that which seemed to be a hopeless calamity, Jonah was taken aboard the first submarine that ever a human being made passage in, and made his trip safely back to land. He decided that, from his experience, it was best to obey regardless of the call, so he went to Nineveh and preached until the whole city was converted.

We went ashore at Jaffa (Joppa) for the day, landing at the Customs House. As we were leaving for a walk about the city, we met a man with three large

By E. L. SIMMONS

trunks and one suitcase on his back. These were held in place by a rope that

went around the luggage and then around his forehead. A new kind of draying indeed, but he seemed to be making very good headway.

We soon found that Jaffa was as oriental as ever. The inhabitants dress in the same manner as those pictured in Bible scenes, with the exception of the few who wear the baggy Turkish trousers, and the city Arabs which dress in civilian clothes and wear a tarboush or fez.

Just as we came into the main street of the city we met twelve men, all dressed in long flowing robes and their heads wrapped in turban fashion. The most of them were wearing beards. Something seemed to suggest to us as we beheld this scene that it was a fair example of how Christ and His apostles looked as they went about through the land.

Our attention was next drawn to a large caravan. Down the street with graceful steps the ugly creatures came bobbing along. I have seen many camels but none had the looks that these possess as they carry their heavy burdens in their native land. It was our privilege to see one loaded. He was made to tuck his hind legs beneath him and his front ones were spread out before until his belly, which had an immense shield upon it, was flat on the ground. This was done so that he might be made low enough to load. After this he was loaded with enough pine poles to make a good load for a one ton truck, in fact it was such a large load that the poor fellow groaned as he arose.

Ship of the desert, truly thou art,
And as to load thee, men have no heart.
Now thou art rising, sir, measured and slow.

What is thy tonnage, sir? No one can know.

The street cars of Jaffa are the same as the one used by Balaam on his trip to curse the children of Israel, or as those used by our dear old father Abraham. Perhaps they are, of all the beasts of the earth, the worst imposed upon. Many of these poor little donkeys that are not more than waist high, are ridden by men that weigh two hundred pounds. And not only is the heavy fellow content to impose his own weight upon the little creature, but many times takes his produce to market, either before or behind him on the same animal. I believe that when we are considering liberty for the oppressed, some consideration should be given to the Palestine ass.

(To be continued)

MINISTERS' MEETING AT EASTON, MD.

The Ministers' Meeting opened Friday morning, Nov. 25, at ten o'clock with State Overseer, Brother D. G. Phillips, in charge. The welcome address was given by Brother Carl Milligan, pastor of the local church at Easton. Sister Cook of Cambridge was the next speaker. Her subject was "Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me." Sister Louise Ruark of Salisbury spoke on "Unity." The special music was furnished by Sister Marine and Sister Moore of Cambridge, Brother Phillips and two sons and Brother Franklin of Kannapolis, N. C.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with song and prayer. Sister Hastings of Eldorado spoke on "Walking in the footsteps of Jesus." Brother Burton then spoke on "The Word of God." Brother Franklin's subject was "I will break in pieces mighty men." The special music was furnished by Brother Anderson and daughters, Brother Franklin, Brother Phillips and sons, Sister Marine and Sister Milligan.

The night session opened at 7:00 o'clock with song and prayer, with a musical selection by Brother Franklin and Daniel and Harold Phillips. Brother Anderson of Seaford, Del. spoke on "The hen-pecked man, the devil-possessed woman and the dancing girl." Brother Abbot of Cambridge spoke on "Hell-fire." Quartet by colored workers of East New Market, "I want to be just like the Lord."

The meeting opened Saturday morning at ten o'clock with song and prayer. Sister Marie Ruark of Cambridge spoke on "Continue thou in the things which thou has learned." Brother Campbell of Virginia told how God led him into the light of the Church of God. Brother Marine spoke on "Fellowship." We were made to realize the need of greater fellowship among the people of God. Special singing by Brother Franklin.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with song and prayer. The colored workers had charge of this service. Brother Smith of Wilmington, Del. spoke on "The Blood." Brother Milligan gave a word of encouragement to the colored workers. The music was rendered by Sister Oney of Norristown, Pa. and Sister Brown of New Jersey, assisted by Brother Stanley and his workers from East New Market. A business session followed.

The night session opened at seven o'clock with song and prayer. The power of God fell in a mighty way and all let God have His way and a grand time was enjoyed by all in the Lord. Some time was then devoted to special singing by the colored workers, Sisters Marine and Moore, Brother Franklin, and Brother Phillips and sons. Brother Phillips then preached on "The Church of God." This brought the meeting to a close which was enjoyed by all present.—Laura Martin.

THE fool has said
in his heart, There
is no God," Psalms

53:1. The original
gives it, "The fool has said in his heart,
No God." I really think this describes
the present situation more accurately
than the way the translators have put it.
I hardly think there are so many who do
not believe there is a God, as there are
who prefer to ignore Him and have "no
God." In using the word "Atheist" it al-
ways comes from the Greek word
"Atheos," which is made up of the word
Theos, meaning God, and privative a,
and is translated "without God."

THE FOOL SAID

But you will notice that this expression
is that of a fool, from the Hebrew word
NOBAL, meaning to be, or to become
withered, faded. This definition very
strikingly defines the situation and con-
dition of those who disbelieve God, or
those who prefer "no God." God is de-
clared in His Word to be the "living
God," "a fountain of living waters." Jer.
2:13; 17:13; 1 Tim. 3:15. He charges Is-
rael with having forsaken Him, the foun-
tain of living waters, and as having hewn
them out cisterns, broken cisterns that
can hold no water. There is this to say,
and it is, that both animal and plant life
are dependent upon "living waters" for
their continuance. The natural result of
either is that unless nourished by living
or fresh water, they do just what the de-
finition of the word "fool" is itself defined
as meaning; they "wither and fade"
away. Atheism that rejects God, and is,
therefore, without God, is in every sense
entitled, according to the definition of
the word used in the Hebrew, to be called
a "fool." They are withered and faded
from their original order, because they
are disconnected and separated from the
only life giving source, which is God.

FADED

1. The comparison is used of flowers
or leaves fading and then falling off
their main stem. 2. Figuratively ap-
plied to men, to fall down, to faint, to
lose one's strength. Ps. 18:46; Ex. 18:18;
Isa. 24:4. 3. To be foolish, to act fool-
ishly.

Withering and decay are here applied
to folly and impiety, just as strength is
applied to virtue and piety. This is the
exact condition of man today, and espe-
cially so of those who do not seek God as
a vivifying source. They will not admit
that they "are faint;" they do not want
to admit that they have "fallen." They
prefer to try to flounder around and seek
some other way out than to acknowledge
their source of origin and fall, petition-
ing at the same time His mercy and de-
liverance from SIN: this is Atheism.
Solomon said, "Lo, this only have I found,
that God made man upright; but they
have sought out many inventions." Eccl.
7:29. Inventions, arguments of all kinds
have been advanced as a remedy for the
ills of the creation. The scientist says,
"Turn the job over to us and we will
solve it." The educator says, "Turn it
over to us and we will solve their need."

Atheism and God

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

The evolutionist says, "Turn the job over
to us and we will solve man's problems."
The physician has striven and labored
in vain to find an existing life sustainer.
The fact is that these are mere inven-
tions, and the whole class have labored
at it for years and man is worse off and
further away from the goal than ever be-
fore. God says, "Look unto the hole of the
pit from whence ye are digged," unto
Sarah that bare you." Such is logical, it
petitions man to look back unto the
source of his origin: God.

PIEL

In the Piel, fool means (1) to account
vile, to despise, (2) to disgrace, to treat
with contempt. These traits are constan-
tly manifested by man, and especially by
men who deny God; they despise others,
especially "those that are good." They
account vile others who do not comply
with their liking. They go farther to dis-
grace and treat with contempt those who
are not standing with them in their views
and practices. Such is because of their
conditions, being without God and with-
out hope. The man that has God, if he
has Him in a sufficiency, has brotherly
love and seeks the welfare of those whom
he accompanies along life's pathway.

THE OBJECT OF ATHEISM

Atheism has for its object a life self-
centered, not responsible further than its
own choice. It condemns God and the
people of God. It points out discrepancies
in the Word of God itself, trying to just-
ify their unbelief. Irregularities in the
Word of God is man's own mistake, it
does not occur in the divine, nor can it
be so charged. Because some mistransla-
tions have been made, caused by either
poor scholars or either by mistake, it
does not render the true inspiration of
the Word of God less powerful and the
fact that it is divine. The Bible did not
originate with man. The mistakes that
have occurred within its translations
must, however, be charged to man. But
could an Atheist have produced a better
translation? The ministers of God are
finding and correcting such; Atheists
could not beat it.

FALSE ACCUSERS

Atheism falsely accuses and points to
the imperfections of men whom God has
used, for the purpose of ridiculing the
Word of God. They refer to the sin of
David, and then charge God with his sin,
in that God has said, "a man after my
own heart." They thus mischarge God.
The purpose of a sacrifice in His own
Son was to redeem man from sin, and
not to indorse man's sin, nor yet to even
bear with it further than through mercy
upon man in his inability to do better.
David was "a man after God's own heart"
whether Atheists agreeably admit it or
not. When David realized the terrible-
ness of his sin against God he confessed it un-

to God and petitions
His mercy and asks
God for cleansing
and restoration unto

the joys of "thy salvation." He humbled
himself and repented before God. It was
this character in the life of David that
was "according to the heart of God." See
Ps. 51. God has provided for the cleans-
ing of the sin of the human race, and
nothing so much hinders the purpose of
God as when men refuse His purpose and
provided remedy. Contrary to God some
men, exalted in pride, see the fault or
sin of some that God has loved and bless-
ed because of their repenting, and like
Balaam, point to the sin of the people of
God, supposing that they cannot be Chris-
tian and that God ought to curse them.

God does not justify sin. Sacred and
profane history records and attests the
fact that God has visited the sins of the
people upon their own head. For the
wrath of God is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and unrighteous-
ness of men who hold the truth in un-
righteousness. Rom. 1:18. The flood in
the days of Noe, the destruction of Sodom
and of Gomorrah, the captivities of Is-
rael, and multiplied other visitations of
divine justice, accord the fact of the
truthfulness of the above text. "Because
that, when they knew God, they glorified
him not as God, neither were they thank-
ful; but became vain in their imagina-
tions, and their foolish heart was dark-
ened. Professing themselves to be wise,
they became fools, and changed the glory
of the uncorruptible God into an image
made like to corruptible man, and to
birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creep-
ing things," Rom. 1:21-23. Well do these
verses describe the cause and reason why
and how men become fools.

PROPHECY PROVING ITSELF

Drifting toward the end of the age,
Atheism is increasing; and there is not
a greater fact as to the inspiration of
the Bible itself than the very fact that
God has foretold these days in such a
very remarkable way that Atheists are
without excuse. The manuscripts are of
record for now so long that it is impos-
sible for them to have been the works of
man. The laws of prophecy demand (1)
that it must be beyond the sagacities of
the human mind to see the things which
are prophesied; (2) that it must be be-
yond the ability of the prophet or any of
his contemporaries to bring to pass the
things which are prophesied; (3) that it
must describe in detail. All the above
laws are accurately complied with in the
nature of the prophecies of last day
events.

LAST DAYS

Turning to 2 Tim. 3:1-8 we have a
graphic description of the conditions of
the last days, that are now upon us. This
record is attested as to the truthfulness
and inspiration by the events and con-
ditions that are everywhere apparent.
The manuscript for centuries has laid
carefully guarded awaiting the time that
its inspiration would be proven by the
fulfillment of its prophecies.

These verses tell of the perilous times,

or dangerous times. They give the reason for the terribleness of the times as the fact that men shall be lovers of themselves more than lovers of God. This is precisely the spirit of the world today; it is founded upon greed and luxury. Men have become covetous, boasters, blasphemers, disobedient to parents. The blasphemy of Atheism against God is terrible. The disobedience of children to parents and increase of crime among the youth, prove the inspiration of the scriptures that have foretold of these days. Atheists cannot rub out the indelible ink of prophecy that has long withstood the tests of time, weathered the storms of Satan. "Unthankful and unholy." The demands of Atheism upon the President of the United States for a day of "blame-giving" instead of "thanksgiving" recites the Atheists as helping to prove the inspiration of the Word of God they seek to deny and destroy. The vices and sins among them prove the fact along with the above that God has accurately told the conditions that exist among them. In Russia the hot bed of Atheism, where the marriage vow has been broken down and the sanctity of married life thrown aside, is proof of the inspired Word of God. The vice they practice by disregarding God is part of the crime they have charged against the servants of God. The references here are more than I care to cite; they are multiplied.

STRONG DELUSION

With the increase of the apostasy and Atheism that is everywhere abounding, will soon ripen the ungodly world for the coming of the Antichrist and the false prophet mentioned in Revelation. Thru this human agency Satan will work his "lying signs and wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause (that is, because they received not the love of the truth) God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thess. 2:10-12. Delusion comes from the Greek word "plana" and means a wandering, deceit, deception, delusion, fraud. Because men do not seek God and do not desire to retain God in their lives, seeking for a knowledge of the truth, God allows. deception and falsehood among them. Atheism may proudly and arrogantly fight against God, but they will "learn themselves but men."

In the second Psalm the question is asked, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill." God asks the question here, "Why do the heathen rage?" He

has provided man a Savior and manifested Him as a token of His love and good will toward men. The question is justifiable. The reference here is the raging of the kings at the end of the age. It describes the opposition to Jesus taking the kingdoms of the world under His supervision. The kings will rage, in fact, some are already raging and especially Russia. V. 4 describes the manner in which God will deal with them; it occasions laughter on His part to see weaklings ring-fenced trying to "kick against the pricks." God will not only have them in derision but will vex them in His sore displeasure.

CONCLUSION

There is but one conclusion, God who has forever settled His Word in heaven, and is directing His forces from there, will emerge from the conflict with Atheism and anti-God victorious.

V. 3 quotes them as saying, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." This is no doubt the counsel of kings, trying to break the strength of the government of God. But God will rebuttle with Psalm 2:6, setting His King in Jerusalem, according to the Davidic promise. Then will follow Isa. 9:6-7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

LAST WORDS OF ATHEISTS

Thomas Paine, who rejected all religion, and whose last utterances were in anguish of a soul in despair, cried out, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? I would give worlds, if I had them, if THE AGE OF REASON had never been punished. Oh, Lord, help me! * * * Help me! Stay with me! It is hell to be left alone!"

Edward Gibbon, the noted infidel and author, upon his death-bed said, "All is now lost; finally, irrecoverably lost. All is dark and doubtful."

Thomas Hobbs, the atheist and philosopher, as he was drawing near death, said, "I am about to take a leap in the dark," and his last audible words were, "I shall be glad to find a hole to creep out of the world at."

The last words of the atheist Mirabeau: "My sufferings are intolerable; I have within me a hundred years of life but not a moment's courage. Give me more laudanum that I may not think of eternity."

Voltaire's dying words were, "I am abandoned by God and man. I shall go to hell! * * *"

Of Sir Francis Newport it is reported that in reply to an infidel companion he said: "That there is a God, I know, because I continually feel the effects of His wrath; that there is a hell I am equally certain, having received an earnest of my inheritance there already in my breast; that there is a natural conscience I now feel with horror and amazement, being continually upbraided by it with

my impieties, and all my iniquities, and all my sins brought to my remembrance. Why God has marked me out for an example of His vengeance, rather than you, or any one of my acquaintance, I presume is because I have been more religiously educated, and have done greater despite to the Spirit of grace. O that I was to lie upon the fire that never is quenched a thousand years, to purchase the favor of God, and be reunited to Him again! But it is a fruitless wish. Millions and millions of years will bring me no nearer to the end of my torments than one poor hour. Oh, eternity, eternity! Who can discover the abyss of eternity? Who can paraphrase upon these words, FOREVER AND EVER?" Lest his friends should think him insane, he said: "You imagine me melancholy, or distracted. I wish I were either, but it is part of my judgment that I am not. No; my apprehension of persons and things is more quick and vigorous than it was when I was in perfect health; and it is my curse, because I am thereby more sensible of the condition I am fallen into. Would you be informed why I am become a skeleton in three or four days? See now then. I have despised my Maker, and denied my Redeemer. I have joined myself to the atheist and profane, and continued this course under many convictions, till my iniquity was ripe for vengeance, and the just judgment of God overtook me when my security was the greatest, and the checks of my conscience were the least." As his mental distress and bodily disease were hurrying him into eternity, he was asked if he would have prayer offered in his behalf; he turned his face, and exclaimed: "Tigers and monsters! are ye also become devils to torment me? Would ye give me prospect of Heaven to make my hell more intolerable?" Then with a falling voice he cried, "Oh, the insufferable pangs of hell!" and expired.—The Prairie Pastor.

VICTORY IS STILL OURS

FT. PIERCE, Fla.—We are still praising and thanking our blessed Lord for this good old time religion that we still have. On Dec. 4 the Lord came on the scene and found our dear old church with many hungry souls. While Brother H. L. Holly was bringing the message the power came down, praise God, and the dear saints were next found shouting and praising God. The altar was well filled with saints and sinners, bless His sweet name! We surely do feel victorious here at the dear old church with Brother H. L. Holly and his sweet family for our leader. He is full of fire and that is what we want.

Now we are asking the dear readers to pray for a greater success for us and especially the writer. Praise God. I have not been working for the Lord but one year but this old body is overrun with joys and blessings.—A brother in Christ, C. J. Curry, Box 1394.

In Foreign Fields

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND
PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE — Mark 16:15.

G. M. Bloomingdale, P.E.I., Can.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Thank God, it is the end I am looking for as I sit and write these few lines, but according to the gospel of Matt. 24:14, it will never be until this glorious gospel of the kingdom has gone to all nations for a witness.

According to the accepted chronology, we are now on borrowed time. According to the present reckoning of time, the times of the Gentiles have expired. Praise God, I am looking for some wonderful things to take place in the next few years. There is no time to waste. The night of the tribulation is approaching when no man can work. Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." He meant the time is coming when our opportunities will be closed, so every minister should become actively engaged in hastening the coming of our Lord. Let every member of the Church put on the whole armor that they may be able to stand in the evil day. Listen, would you like for Jesus to come and catch you off your guard? Would you be willing for Him to come and find you with His tithes in your hands while your pastor was having to labor with his hands to provide for his wife and babies? You can't afford to be found in this shape.

Back to my text, "Go ye into all the world." Since those immortal words fell from the lips that spake as no man ever spake, those who have been filled with the love of God have never and will never be satisfied until they fulfill their part of this great commission, "Go ye." The apostles of the Lord went into far distant lands and carried the gospel. How could they quietly spend their lives in seclusion and ease after witnessing the untiring zeal and wondrous love of Jesus their Master? My heart is made to bleed many times as I look out over this island and see the many places we could get to if we just had the means. At present we have three places where we hold services and could have meeting every night if we could get around. We have big snow storms here and can't run the car in the winter time, so we can just barely hold our own during the winter season. We could do so much more if we could get into the cities in the winter months, but can't because of lack of means. I truly hope and pray that God

will somehow, some way put the missionary spirit on the great Church of God in a greater way. It is up to the Church of God to carry the gospel of the kingdom to the nations of the world. The missionary spirit is the martyr's spirit. It dares to go where others are afraid to go.

Psa. 78:41, "Yea, they turned back, and tempted God, and limited the holy One of Israel." Listen, the children of Israel limited God by turning back, but how many people today are limiting God's work by withholding their tithes and offerings! Many a missionary is ready to be sent to the heathens but can't go because of the lack of support, and many who have gone cannot do what they would like to do because of insufficient funds. May God stir us to think more about the missionary work than ever before.

God is surely talking to the people on this island with signs and wonders. Just sixty miles from here they are having dark days. The mail man does not carry his mail until afternoon. It is so dark till he can't read the addresses. On Dec. 28, 1932 it was dark all day. Pray much for us here that we can somehow be able to get the gospel to these people. We have two places now that we could build churches if we had the money to pay for the sawing of the lumber. I love the fellowship of the Church of God folks and would like to be with them more but this gospel must go if I never see you again till Jesus comes. My children are in the orphan's home at Cleveland, my wife has gone to a place of rest, and my desire is for this gospel to go to all nations so Jesus can come after me. Jesus said, "If a man come to me and hate not his mother and father, and wife and children, and yea, even his own life, he can not be my disciple," Luke 14:26. See how Christ in His doctrine suited Himself to those to whom He spake and gave every one his portion of meat. To the Pharisees He preached humility and charity. He, in this verse, is directing His discourse to the multitudes that crowded after Him and seemed zealous in following Him. His exhortation to them is to understand the term of discipleship before they undertake the profession of it, and to consider what they did. Our love and our comfort and our satisfaction that we have in the things of this world should be so swallowed up in the love that we have for God and His cause that we can say, Good-bye, Mother; good-bye, George; good-bye, Jane; good-bye, Magdalene; good-bye, Leah; good-bye, Vivian, I must carry this gospel among strange people who have strange customs to what I have been used to. If I never see you again here, I am hastening the coming of our Lord when I can see you again.

Heed His Call

SEEK HIM WHILE HE MAY BE
FOUND

Dear Evangel readers: I thank the good Lord for this opportunity to glorify His name for the wonderful blessings He has poured out upon the people here in Detroit. He has given us a very wonderful revival. Twenty have been saved and thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am happy to say that the good Lord has made me one of His followers. He has saved my soul, sanctified my soul and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. All this He has seen fit to do for a boy of twenty-one whose life previously had been very worldly.

Oh, young folks, if you could heed the call and seek the Lord your joys and your contentment would soon repay you a hundredfold for the worldly pleasures that you forsake. You cannot imagine the ease with which you are able to face the problems of life. Success without God is success without contentment. Oh, heed His call and seek Him while He may still be found.

Please pray for us that the good Lord will continue to bless in all of our services. Pray that He will keep our pastor, Brother Paulk, and his family well and able to continue the wonderful work that they have begun.—A new brother in the way, Edw. Duborg, Detroit, Mich.


STILL IN THE BATTLE FOR THE LORD

NASSAU, N. P., Bah.— I thank the Lord this morning for victory in my soul. I am still in the battle for the Lord. Although my health doesn't allow me to get out as I would like to yet my whole heart is in this good work.

On Sept. 16, 1932 I, with Sisters Bethel, Roole and Musgrove boarded the mail boat for Harbour Island. After a few hours' sail across the water we arrived at Harbour Island. The saints there gave us a hearty welcome. We stayed there five and one-half weeks engaged in evangelistic work.

During this time our beloved Brother Lerry Stirrup fell asleep in Jesus. I was at his bedside at the time of his passing away and his very last words were, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." I started this Mission three years ago and Brother Stirrup was the first to pass away. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor and me and he was laid to rest in the Dunmore Town cemetery.

We also dedicated a churchhouse to the Lord. This service was surely good. The Lord met with us and the service was enjoyed by all. Bless His sweet name! There was much shouting and praising God. The Lord set His approval on the services. During our stay there three were reclaimed and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were spiritually revived. We left on Oct. 25. The good folks hated to see us go. Harbour Island is a good field and much work can be accomplished. Pray for us.—Your sister, Ellen Butler.



THE CHURCH OF GOD

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR

Alda B. Harrison, Editor

LIKE SANDS OF THE HOURGLASS, TIME
FLOWS ON TOWARD ETERNITY,
UNCHECKED.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS DEVOTED TO THE GENERAL
WELFARE AND SPIRITUAL UPLIFT OF OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR,
IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH"
ECCLESIASTES 12:1

✿ Editorials ✿

Dear boys and girls, just one month of the New Year is gone. I wonder just how you have succeeded in keeping your new resolutions. I'm wondering how many obstacles the enemy has put in your way. Have you met them bravely and have you overcome this month? If you have for the month of January, you can do the same each month of the year, not in your own strength, but "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

There are some things I want to mention that will help you to overcome. The first is to choose good companions. It is possible for young people to keep saved anywhere, under any conditions if they have determination backed up by the power of God, but we too often find that unsaved associates will cool off your spiritual life. If your association with them is solely for the purpose of winning them for Christ and you are constantly on the job letting your light shine, God will carry you through, but if you partake of the same worldly pleasure that they engage in, indulge in the same frivolous conversation expecting to win them for Christ, then you will be disappointed and find yourselves slipping back on the same level with your unsaved friends. They have lost confidence in you and your chance to win them is gone unless you repent and confess to them that you have taken the wrong course.

This does not mean that you are to treat them coldly and be indifferent. It does not mean you are to shun them. No, by all means you must love them with a Christlike love but you cannot partake of their worldliness in any way thinking you will win them for Christ by so doing.

Good books are good companions. The reading of good books has been the means of many souls being saved. All good books are founded on the Word of God. The lives of some of our great evangelists and missionaries are just as great in the eyes of God as the great characters we read about in the Bible and we should read them along with our Bibles. It shows us the great lives of our time as well as that of Bible times and we need the inspiration that we get by studying these great characters. Ask your pastor or some good spiritual leader in your

church to choose for you some good books. Write me about that book and tell me what effect it had upon you. Perhaps I can use it in the paper to inspire others to read. I will suggest some books of ministers, missionaries and evangelists for you to start with. We will suggest first the life of F. J. Lee, our General Overseer who so recently went to his reward leaving us such a wonderful testimony; Chas. G. Finney and D. L. Moody among our evangelists; David Brainard's life among the Indians; David Livingston in Africa, George Muller's orphanage work; these will make us ashamed of the little we are doing for God and make us move up to greater service for the Master. In these perilous days God needs some young men and women who will not be afraid of the giants in the way, trusting not in the little stone which they may throw but in the mighty God back of the stone. This battle is before you this New Year.

"Pray without ceasing," is Paul's advice to us. Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." This is the secret of overcoming power. By this it is not meant that we shall be constantly on our knees, but that our hearts should be continually looking to Him in all that we do, so that whatsoever we are engaged in shall be done for His glory, and for the upbuilding of His kingdom. Jesus also said, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Traps of all kinds will be waiting for you, some of them will be glittering and beautiful and you will be called upon to choose whether or not you will serve God or mammon. It will take watching to detect these traps for many times Satan comes as an angel of light deceiving if it were possible the very elect. His grace is sufficient.

We are planning to have a page set aside to answer any perplexing problem you may have confronting you. By using these in our paper it may be a blessing to other young people. Those who have problems you do not desire to make public, if you send a stamped envelope we will answer you personally. Many of our young people do not have Christian parents or friends and need help at the parting of the ways. All your problems will be confidential. We may never have seen you but we love you and want to help you. Perhaps some one has a question to

ask for the benefit of some one else. If you have and desire your name withheld we will do so.

Minnie Belle Jagers, our secretary, who came to us in answer to prayer about ten months ago, is still with us. We feel we would be greatly handicapped in our work without her. It seems that God has melted us together with that Divine love and fellowship that workers need to have in order to be a blessing to each other. We have set aside each Tuesday for fasting and prayer, and would like for all who desire, to keep this day with us, that the work of our young people will go forward this year in a new way. Each Thursday night we hold jail services for nearly one hundred prisoners. They seem greatly interested. We often see tears rolling down their cheeks and numbers have held up their hands for prayer. We want you to pray with us for these unfortunate boys and girls.

OUR BIBLE READING UNION

Our Bible Reading Union conducted by Hettie Ellen Payne is a splendid idea. This encourages our young people to read the Bible. We hope this may be kept going and that as our young leader outlines your course of Bible reading each month that you will follow until you have read the Bible through together.

We appreciate very much the article in the Christmas Evangel, by Brother B. C. Robinson on Music. If you did not read it look it up and read it. The right kind of music means as much if not more in our effort to win souls for Christ as preaching and why should we not make a great effort to have the very best. The singing of the gospel will attract and draw sinners to our churches when everything else fails. How can we get a message in song unless we can hear it? Come on, Brother Robinson, and give us some more good advice. Our young people will appreciate it I am sure.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Anything for the young people's department must be sent to the editor of this department, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn. by the 25th of the month, as we must send our material in to the Publishing House by the 1st. Be sure to send us some good suggestions for the ex-

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The Failure of Man

WE READ over in Jer. 10:23 these words, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Man left to himself is an eternal failure. He who would make of life the most, and would succeed forever, must take God into his life. This is God's will, God's plan, God's way. When we think of how few people actually take God into their lives fully, and let Him reign in their souls supremely, it is no wonder we see the thronging multitudes about us today with no aim, no purpose, no goal to which they are traveling, and no prize for which they are striving. They are merely drifting through life, hence their failure.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; we have hard work to do and loads to lift; shun not the struggle; face it; 'tis God's gift!"

Whosoever endeavors to direct his own steps through life, run his own business, trust his own wisdom, and depend upon his own strength will come out at life's little end of the horn. He only fights a losing battle. He makes a miserable failure. This is exactly what men are doing all about us. And multitudes are not even trying earnestly within themselves to walk morally, uprightly, circumspectly, honestly and prudently. They do not do their best without God. It is no wonder times are perilous, crime is awful, morality is at a low ebb and the country standing on the brink of some great catastrophe. Men have worse than left God out of their lives. They are falling far short of what they might do even without Him. If many would use their own will power to hold themselves in check, restrain their passions, overcome their bad habits, master themselves and be morally and physically upright, they would go far ahead of what they are.

However, this will not save men. God must be taken into the heart, soul and life. "Salvation is of the Lord." Men may walk morally without God, but they absolutely cannot walk spiritually without Him. And many who claim to have God in their lives are not even walking morally, much less spiritually. It means much to be a Christian. It stops the downward course of one's life and puts him on an upward course. He lives on up and up life. He goes out of the sinning business into godly, righteous business. He does not believe in "sinning religion," nor does he practice it. Sin is sin wherever it is found, regardless of whoever practices it, either inside or outside of the church. God's people are to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:12-14).

It means much to live a life "hidden

with Christ in God," separated from the world, filled with the love and grace of God, watching and waiting, robed and already for the return of our Lord. It places one on a much higher plain than most men are living, and that is where we must live if we are to reach heaven and see the Master face to face, be like Him and have a crown of eternal life. It takes a deep experience and much prayer to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil, and to know that nothing stands between one's soul and heaven. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." He didn't say that anybody else would see Him in peace, in the triumphs of faith and with shouts of victory. The standard of salvation is a high standard. Bible salvation takes the world out of a man's heart and prepares him to get out of the world. Praise the Lord! This is worth shouting over.

No man fails who truly and faithfully lives for God until death. He may not accumulate any money, own any property, stand high in social circles (which is always detrimental to the soul rather than a blessing), have any popularity and earthly fame and glory, but what is a thousand times better, he has the approval and smiles of Jesus upon his life and soul, and heaven as his home at last. The man whom the world oftentimes classes as successful may be only a miserable failure in the sight of God, and he whom the world classes as a failure, a fool and a crank, may be looked upon by Almighty God as one of glorious success. Every man unto whom Jesus can say, "Well done," has lived a sublime, successful life. Amen.

Our text declares, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." It takes the divine with the human to make of life the best, and to bring us to life's end victoriously. He who walks without God fails without Him. Only a Wesley who had God in his life could say, when he came to the end of his earthly career, "The best of all is, God is with us." The infidel Voltaire couldn't say that. Wesley's life lives on to bless the world, while Voltaire's life lives on to curse it. We are told that "Enoch walked with God," and that "he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Enoch's walk with God was so close, so faithful, so obedient, so pleasing, that he was translated. No doubt God said to him, "Enoch, I am so well pleased with the way you walk before me that I've decided to take you out of this old, sin cursed, troublesome world, so just come up and be with me." Bless God, Enoch didn't have to visit the graveyard first, but stepped right in the heavenly chariot and took a ride up to heaven. Now, such walking through this world is worth while forever. But most folks now have about quit walking with God and are riding with the devil. He is certainly carrying them at a rapid

rate to hell.

Our young people are living such a fast life today that multitudes of them will never live out half their days. They won't reach middle life. They are up late hours at night, ripping, romping and gadding about, robbing themselves of necessary rest and sleep, indulging in various kinds of sin and wickedness. It is becoming a common thing now to see girls smoking just like men, drinking, doping and acting as much like men as possible. Well, what a shame! When the womanhood of a country goes to decay, that country goes down at a rapid rate. We are sorry to say it, but American womanhood is decaying quite rapidly. The styles, fashions and fads of the day prove to us that society is decaying through adultery and lust. Paul said to Timothy, "Keep thyself pure." This is advice that every boy and girl needs today and ought to heed. By keeping the individual life pure, and the home pure we can keep the country pure. Individual decay and impurity means the impurity and decay of a country, a nation and the world.

What our boys and girls need today is not more education, more liberty (they have entirely too much now), more money, more pleasure, more sociality, more worldly wisdom, but God. They need old-time salvation to clean them up, clothe them up, sober them up, and lift them up. So many, many are down in social and sexual sin, so deep that nothing but the power of God can redeem and rescue them. When God is left out of the life one never knows what the devil will do with that life. Certainly he will bring it to wreck and ruin soon or later, unless one turns to God. God is our only hope. The devil is a tyrant, and all who serve him will realize it soon. Thousands of marriages today are being put on by the devil, then divorce cases, then homes rent and torn to pieces. Nothing but pure love in the heart of husband and wife will make life happy and home peaceful. Many parents make the mistake of their lives by separating their sons and daughters from their life's companion. When one takes the solemn marriage vow, nothing but death should set him free. The very fact that so many divorce cases are going through our courts today proves that the devil is indeed leading. Not only that, but we see the multitudes following him in all kinds of evils, sin and wickedness. What a sad sight! We continue to receive letters from our readers up and down the land telling us of their misfortunes, heartaches and sorrows, asking for advice, sympathy and prayer. It is a courtship broken up, or a violation of the marriage vow, or a home torn to pieces, or a drunken husband that needs salvation, and so on. Failing to walk with God! When the enemy of our soul has charge of our feet and our lives, he will direct and lead to ruin and damnation.

Men need the Lord Jesus Christ in every walk of life, from the least to the greatest, from the weakest to the strongest, from the poorest to the richest, from

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Contributions By Y. P. E. Members

I'm glad I found the Savior that keeps
me every day;
Glad I learned to trust Him and let Him
have His way.
I gave up my ambitions and all my plans,
too,
I gave my life to Jesus, to do what He'd
have me do.
I love Him better every day, as onward
I go,
I want to let my light so shine
That all mankind may know—
I'm glad I'm His today.

I feel the call to work for Him
And labor with a will;
I long to see folks saved from sin
That they His love may know
As through this land they go;
Altho' the devil tempts and tries to make
us sway,
He is my Savior, friend and guide,
And I'm glad I'm His today.

As I see men turning down
This Christ we love so well,
It grieves my heart and gives me pain
To know they're bound for hell.
Some say they failed and there's no use;
But, say, in the judgment day
What will be your excuse?
Oh, I'm glad I'm His today.

You had better accept Him now
And go right on to the end;
When the tests and trials come
You'll find no better friend;
When you've trusted and proven Him
Just look right up and say,
Oh, I'm glad I found the Savior,
I'm glad I'm His today.

Eva Martin, Hayti, Mo.

Carol Singing

Greeting from Hayti in the name of
our soon coming King, Jesus. Have just
been reading the editorial in the Evangel
in the Y.P.E. section. Thought I would
write and tell you of our carol singing.

We gathered at the church and had our
regular Saturday night service. About
10:00 o'clock or shortly afterward all the
young folks started to spread cheer. We
just had one car so we couldn't all ride
as there were twenty-one persons. How-
ever, there were some who were not
strong enough in body to walk all the
way so they rode in the car, while the
others walked. First, we went to a home
where one little girl had been sick since
before Thanksgiving Day. Also the moth-
er has not been well. We sang a few
songs there and wished them a merry
Christmas and invited them to our Christ-
mas program. Next, we went to a home
where the folks are not saved but had
been coming to the services quite regular-
ly. The lady in this home had recently
been injured by a fall and was not able

to be out. We also sang here. Our next
place was to stop between two homes. In
each home some old folks lived. Their
ages were between seventy-two and eighty
years old and they are not able to go to
church, unless they are carried in a car.
Next we went to the very center of Hayti
right in front of a prominent cafe where
they were having music and a good time
(as the world calls it). As we gathered
together and they saw we were going to
sing they stopped their music, opened
doors and listened to every song. We
wished them a Merry Christmas and in-
vited them out to services. Next we went
to another aged mother. If I'm not mis-
taken she is about eighty-two years old
and can hardly see. We sang there. We
then went to a young man's home, who
has been in bed for twenty-one years.
Here we sang several songs.

By this time our throats were begin-
ning to feel tired. We were also tired
from walking so far. We were very hap-
py however, and felt that we did some-
thing to spread Christmas cheer, as homes
opened their doors on all sides and lis-
tened to our songs of joy.

We had a good program Christmas
night, given by the Y. P. E. and the Sun-
day School. The church was full and
some were standing up with about twenty-
five on the outside. We believe that the
carols brought some of these people out.

We have a fine Y. P. E. here. However,
not all are saved but we are praying that
we may have a 100 per cent Christian
Y. P. E. All are willing to help make
this church a success, so you pray that
all these dear friends and young folks
may consecrate their lives to Christ.

Sister Harrison, inclosed find my
pledge that I signed. I have noticed it
and read it before and have given all to
the Lord and am no longer my own but
to Him who died for me do I belong.
Pray for me that I may be humble and
always stay close to Jesus. Remember to
pray for our Y. P. E.—Yours in the vine-
yard, Eva Martin, Hayti, Mo., Box 275.

LOYALTY, Y. P. E.

Tune: "Loyalty to Christ"

Come join our Christian band, and take
the Union pledge,
Of loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;
We'll move the world along, till all take
up the song,
Of loyalty, Y. P. E., loyalty to Christ.

CHORUS

On Y. P. E.! On Y. P. E.! Cries our great
Commander, On!
We'll move at His command,
We'll Christianize the land,
Thru loyalty, Y. P. E., loyalty to Christ.

Oh, young, be brave and true, there's
work that you can do
Thru loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;

Arise and dare to do, to Christ our Lord
be true,
Thru loyalty, Y. P. E., loyalty to Christ.

Let other nations hear the work you're
doing here,
Thru loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;
Where Satan's banners float we'll send
our gospel note
Of loyalty, Y. P. E., loyalty to Christ.

The strength of youth we lay at Jesus'
feet today,
Of loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;
His gospel we'll proclaim throughout the
world's domain,
Thru loyalty, Y. P. E., loyalty to Christ.

By Mrs. P. W. Chessar.

Chorus' tune, "Bringing in the Sheaves"
Come to Y. P. E., come to Y. P. E.
Every Sunday evening, come to Y. P. E.
Come to Y. P. E., come to Y. P. E.,
Every Sunday evening, come to Y. P. E.

Always be on time, always be on time,
Every Sunday evening, always be on time;
Always be on time, always be on time,
Every Sunday evening, always be on time.

Always do your part, always do your part,
Every Sunday evening, always do your
part,
Always do your part, always do your part,
Every Sunday evening, always do your
part.

Note: Change Sunday to any other day
to suit your own local Y. P. E.—Editor.

Tune, "Are You Washed in the Blood?"
Have you told to others of our Y. P. E.?
How we work and sing and pray?
Of the wonderful Jesus who is able to
save,
To cleanse and make sinners free?

CHORUS

We will sing; we will pray,
And work for our Y. P. E.
It will lead you aright, in the pathway
of light,
If you're in our Y. P. E.

If you repent of your sins and cease go-
ing astray,
While you're in this Y. P. E.
Your sins which are many will all go
away
When you're in this Y. P. E.

Composed by Mrs. Helen Gindlesperger,
Boswell, Pa.

NOTICE

Will those who still owe for rolls of
Lighted Pathways please send remittance
at once to Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main
St., Jonesboro, Tenn. Please do not pass
this by as we need the money at once
to settle our bills.

Father's & Mother's Page

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." — Deut. 6:7.

A Single Stitch

One stitch dropped as the weaver drove
His nimble shuttle to and fro,
In and out, beneath, above.

Till the pattern seemed to bud and grow—

As if the fairies had helping been—
The one small stitch could scarce be seen;
But the one stitch dropped pulled the
next stitch out

And the perfect pattern was marred for
aye

By the one small stitch that was dropped
that day.

One small life in God's great plan!

How futile it seems as the ages roll,
Do what it may, or strive how it can,

To altar the sweep of the infinite whole!
A single stitch in an endless web,
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb!

But the pattern is rent where the stitch
is lost,

Or marred where the tangled threads
have crossed;

And each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that its Master
meant.

Susan Coolidge.

Home Training

DEAR fathers and mothers, I wonder if you see the lesson in the above poem? This is a serious thought. One little stitch dropped in the early training may make a weak spot hard to strengthen in after years.

It is hard to tell just where the training of a child begins. The Bible tells us that, the iniquity of the father shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Then when you and I are living according to the laws of God we are helping to make pure and healthy children unto the third and fourth generation. I am sure this rule will work both ways. Then the training of our children begins before they are born. Oh, how sad to see the thousands of children come into this world crippled, diseased and maimed for life all because of sin in that father or mother. Little does that boy and girl think when they are sowing their wild oats that after a while they will reap in their offspring. Some people are always advising how girls should be trained and cared for and protected but little is said about boys. They are so often permitted to run loose and do as they please.

Garibaldi says, "Give me the mothers

of the nation to educate and you may do what you like with the boys." This was said to emphasize the need of trained mothers and this cannot be stressed too much. Oh, how much we need to have our girls trained and ready to become good mothers, but to my opinion our boys need the same tender, careful training. Because they are considered by so many as able to care for themselves, is the reason so many have gone the downward way.

The sweetest time in the rearing of our children is when they are small and innocent when we can gather them around our knees and read to them and impress good things upon them. Teach them the Bible in a simple way so they can understand.

A good Bible story book should be in every home and should be read and explained to them each evening before they retire. Then they should be taught to pray at an early age. Tuck them in bed and give them a good-night kiss with a "God bless my baby." Do you know that things like this in childhood will never be erased from the mind of that child should they live to be a hundred years old. You may die and leave them at an early age but those little love pats and "God bless yous" will never be erased.

There is a false modesty in some of our parents which is the root of much of our trouble with our boys and girls. They have failed to give them the proper knowledge at the proper time. I have had some mothers say to me, "Oh, I just can't bear to tell Mary and John things they should know. I know I should instruct them but it is so hard." It is these boys and girls in their adolescent years when they are just between childhood and manhood or womanhood. These two divisions of a child's life can be so welded together by love and confidence that there will be no trouble to lead them right on into a clean pure life.

The home life of father and mother should be a blessing to the child. There should be unity in the home. One of the saddest pictures that can be hung on memory's wall is that of a wrangling home. There should be unity in plans and purposes. Especially should both parents be Christians, standing for the same thing. It is said that a divided house cannot stand. If one is pulling one way and the other just the opposite, what will become of the child? You had better get your Bibles and sit down and see who is nearest the teachings laid down in the Book of all books and then take the one nearest to the Bible and stand together in the teaching of the blessed old Book to your children if you want them to

love it when they grow older. Unity along these lines will bring you on your knees around the family altar often with those children, and this will be a beautiful picture hung on memory's wall, when the child grows to manhood or womanhood.

Of course this is a busy old world and sometimes it seems that parents have little time to spend in the training of the children. Mothers, if you are busy housewives and it is a constant round of labor, get your pan of potatoes and sit down somewhere to peel them, or as you bake pies or make other good things to eat, call your little brood around you and tell them Bible stories while you work. Tell them what Jesus did for them, how He loved them. Teach them that He furnishes the potatoes and the flour and gives you strength to cook them. It is He who clothes them and cares for them. If they do wrong, tell them how they have grieved Him and you. This will be a shield from temptation in years to come when they have left the home nest, when father and mother have passed on to the other side. They will never cease to see the sad look on mother's face when they are about to yield to temptation, nor the grieved inner voice that speaks through the training of those early years in that childhood home.

We have heard fathers and mothers who were always scolding, but who never praised. The child might do a thousand things worth being praised but never a word of praise given. But as soon as one misstep is made, the child is punished and they never hear the last of it. I have heard parents say over and over again, "You are a bad boy" or "you are a bad girl, if you don't watch you'll land behind prison bars." Well, if they do, you may be to blame. You can tell a child he is bad till he'll finally think he is and that there is no use for him to try to be good. Many a child has gone the downward way because of discouragement. A calm sweet, gentle voice in father and mother will calm many troubled seas in the life of the child. Try praising the good points in his life and the bad ones will usually disappear.

The foundation of the child's life is laid in the home. Then,

Build it well whate'er you do,
Build it straight and strong and true;
Build it clean and high and broad,
Build it for the eye of God.

SELF-CONTROL TAUGHT ONLY BY EXAMPLE

Whenever you see a well-bred, obedient child, you may be pretty sure that at least one of those who have had his training in charge has been gentle and self-contained. One reason why some parents do not have more control over their children is because of lack of poise shown when attempting to govern them. This, in turn, is apt to make the children excitable as well as hard to govern. Mothers and fathers should school themselves in self-control.—Sel.

Sinner's Page

A Prospectus of Hell

Chas. E. Robinson

MILLIONS of people know full well that their present course will land them in hell—but they intend to change. Great numbers will freely admit that if death should strike them today they would go to hell—they hope it will not strike them so soon. Great numbers who suppose that a form of godliness will save them, are on the way to hell—but do not know it. Multitudes are in hell today—meaning, of course, the preliminary hell, called Hades, where the rich man was whom Jesus mentioned in the 16th or Luke. This hell with all who are in it is to be cast into the lake of fire, where conditions will at least be no better but, presumably, worse. They are in Hades “until”—until being a word indicating an ending. But when Hades and its occupants are cast into the lake of fire the Book does not say they will be there “until”—for there their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

A prospectus of hell should surely be very popular and much sought after, in view of the large numbers who are on their way there. They would want to be informed about the climate, the water, the soil, the schools, the church privileges, the social condition and the opportunities offered, just as people want to know these things about any other place to which they are going.

But when one sets himself to write such a prospectus, that moment horror seizes him. Hell, what a place! Its pains are intolerable but they must be borne forever. No mortal man has gone there and come back, because once there one's destiny is fixed, his doom is sealed. But Jesus knows all about hell. From His words, then, this prospectus is to be prepared with perfect assurance that what He says is true and accurate.

Climate. It is a land of perpetual and everywhere present fire, which cannot be quenched. To get as much idea of this as is humanly possible, meditate on putting your hand in the fire and holding it there. To hold it there for a minute spells an agony that you cannot feel would be possible for you. Men quibble over whether the fires of hell will be eternal or only age long. No man can form any opinion of the terrors of a fiery bed that would last a week, even, and what would one say about such a bed for a year or a decade or a century or a millennium or for an age? The rich man was in hell when Jesus talked about it, that is in Hades, but you can form no conception of what he suffers every moment

even, not to speak of what he endures in a year or a century.

Water. Good, cool water is a prime essential in any land. But in hell there is no water. The rich man when he had gotten the attention of Father Abraham, made request about water first of all, just as any famishing, tortured man would do. But he didn't have the courage to ask for a spring to be established near him to which he could resort time after time; nor even for a bucketful to quench his thirst for a day or so, nor as little as a cupful to assuage his intolerable thirst. He didn't have courage to even ask for a swallow, but that a finger-tip dipped in water might be placed on his parched tongue. Can you sense what it means to be in a waterless land forever?

The soil. Nothing can grow in hell. No flowers nor grass nor waving trees are there to gladden the eye. No grain nor fruit nor nuts to satisfy the tortures of ceaseless hunger.

The schools. What about the children in that land? That is the question we ask when contemplating a move to another country. What about the school privileges? There are none. The little toddlers who have pulled at your skirts and gleefully ridden “horse” on your swinging foot; the babies who have gladdened your hearts with their cooings and prattle will not be there. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. But the older ones, those fine lads and lasses who sit at your table and make your home a place of pleasantness, if they go there with you, will not only have no school privileges, nor any opportunities to improve themselves, but they will hate you and curse you for not having so brought them up as to escape the horrors of that place. Their curses and hatred for the unspeakable wrong you did them when they were small and helpless will not be the least of your burdens in hell.

Church privileges. Are there plenty of good churches? Is another question people are sure to ask about a land they are expecting to make their home. They know they must prepare for heaven, and that their children must do so too. Then they know that where plenty of good churches are there are good, kind-hearted citizens, and communities with high ideals. So every one wants there to be plenty of churches in the country to which he goes. But there are no churches in hell. There is no possibility of gain from churches. If you go to that dread place you need not expect to ever hear another prayer, or sermon, or shout, or song. The ruler of that place knows how to curse and hate and take vengeance and torment, but about the worth while things of the church he cares nothing.

Social conditions. Of course you will want pleasant social surroundings in the land where you expect to spend your eternity. But in hell there is never a smile, because smiles come from love, and love is of God. In hell you have no God. You are shut away from everything of His. So no one will speak a pleasant word, nor do a kindly thing. I believe there will be no

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A New Year's Start for Heaven

My earliest recollection of having thoughts about heaven was as a young lad. I opened my Bible for a few minutes and read a portion, which at once told me the Bible knew all about me, and was the only Book which could direct me on the narrow way to the better land. Hastily shutting the Book, I laid it aside, and for a long time after I could not bear to open it.

Years after, as I was going to school one morning, a man spoke to me about my soul's salvation, and I was so impressed with my need of being saved, that I resolved there and then to become a Christian. But ere night my resolution had vanished.

Three or four years after this I left my home and went to sea. There seemed to be in me an insatiable hankering after something in the way of satisfaction. As soon as one pleasure was past I lived in anticipation of the next, and my going to sea was pretty much on the understanding that I would find infinite satisfaction in a free-and-easy life. But I did not find the sea such a pleasant, easy life, and accordingly I took the first opportunity to run away from the ship. This occurred to me while she lay in the harbor of San Francisco, Calif.

Taking a small chest of clothes, I slipped off the ship at night, and made my way into the city. I soon found a lodging, but the landlady had no sooner left me alone in my room than I began to think seriously of the step I had taken. Alone in a foreign land, with only a dollar and a half, and no known means of earning any more, I got quite frightened, and dropped on my knees, I solemnly vowed to God that if He would find me work to do, and bring me safely home again, He should be my God in the future.

Next day I found suitable work, and in a few months I had saved about twenty pounds. With this I set out for home, and reached it safely. But, alas! the God who had been so good to me in temporal things was entirely forgotten by me.

A little more than a year was spent at home, and then becoming restless, I went out to San Francisco again. During my second stay there a ball was given on the last night of the year 1890 by the members of a Scottish Club, and I purposed being there. With that intention I went home at half-past six to dress for the ball. I entered my room and sat down on a chair. Somehow I began to think of my past life. The sinfulness of my life came up before me, and I realized that I was getting worse and worse, and the thought flashed into my mind: Where would it end? The thought of what the end might be filled me with misery, and I resolved to turn over a new leaf.

I was just beginning to feel comfort
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Helps For Tempted & Tried

WE STILL HAVE GOD

By Ella D. Schacht

When the grey clouds are the darkest
As they cluster overhead;
When our pathway is o'ershadowed
And we stumble as we tread;
When the heart is almost broken
Beneath the chastening rod;
There's a little voice that whispers,
"Have faith! You still have God."

If we lose what we have gathered,
And there's nothing more to gain,
In the eyes of the Almighty
We still are just the same.
As the lily in its glory
Springs unbidden from the sod,
So in faith we shall go forward
For we know we still have God.

If we think that we are burdened,
Then just let us turn about,
We will always find another

Who is farther "down and out."
If his load we try to lighten
As on our way we plod,
If only we encourage him,
We've done what's right 'fore God.

If our purse be flat and empty
And earthly goods are spent,
We can give the church our daily prayers
They do not cost a cent.
Sometimes I think a prayer does more
Than lift the heavy clod;
For no one with a roll of wealth
Can buy his way to God.

Let them take away our dwellings,
That for sustenance we search.
Though they take away the building,
They cannot take His church.
For there's faith within its pillars
And onward it shall plod,
For the faithful will sustain it
Because,—they still have God.

—From The Lutheran.

Where shadows dark His care concealed.
Today, the star of hope revealed
His presence near, as by thy side,
With outstretched hand, He waits to guide.

God is enough. He understands,
Whatever duty's harsh demands.
God is enough, thy life to guide;
Enough, though every ill betide.
Believe it, live it, till you prove
The power of His unfailing love.

—The Pres. Advance.

Repining At Our Lot

Do you repine at your lot in life, at the circumstances under which you are placed, at your humble home and its meager furnishings, at the advantages which come to you, compared to the greater advantages that others enjoy? If so, you are doing yourself a great injury.

I well recall a sister who did this some years ago. Naturally an ambitious girl with high ideals, she repined because she did not enjoy the advantage possessed by others more fortunately situated. Her parents were poor; she lived in a humble home; her wardrobe was plain and meager. In her association with girls of wealthy parents she contrasted her humble home with others, her plain clothing with their luxurious garments. These circumstances so weighed upon her mind that they sent her to a consumptive's grave.

God designs that we should make the most of our circumstances, that by every honest and consistent means we should improve our condition. While the principle of the gospel condemns luxurious homes, it does not condemn comfortable homes. While it does condemn extravagance in attire, it does not condemn plain and appropriate clothing. It is right and proper that we should avail ourselves, to the extent of our ability, of these comforts and conveniences, but having striven to do this consistently, let us cultivate the spirit of contentment. "Contentment is a pearl of great price, and whoso purchaseth her at the expense of ten thousand desires, maketh a wise and happy choice."

To this spirit of contentment we are incited by the apostle Paul. He says: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." In this spirit of peace and contentment may we find joy even under trial, as did the apostle.—Selected.

Christianity helps the world appreciate Christ when its gifts for human uplift are made in the name and for the glory of Christ.

What's In A Title

WHAT'S in a name? is often quoted, but What's in a title? has become a very interesting topic to me because of the influence over my life of the title of an article in a weekly religious paper.

I had been thrown into the "Slough of Despond" by one of fate's bitter struggles with life, which had overtaxed physical and mental endurance, leaving me, as my physician said, with no faith in either divine or human aid. I knew that underneath the doubt and bitterness was a spark of faith in divine love and power, but, try as I might, it seemed impossible to regain my former view of life.

One morning, when especially depressed, a copy of a much respected religious paper was handed to me with the morning's mail and, with a faint hope of finding some helpful message, I began to scan its pages. Suddenly these words, "God is Enough," attracted my attention. It was the title of a short article, which I read and reread until it seemed to be indelibly stamped upon my mind.

Then the question came to me: Is God enough? In answer the thought flashed through my mind with electrical force: There is nothing but God. The result was that careful meditation upon this question and answer rekindled the buried spark of hope and faith which gradually burned away the doubts and bitterness, restoring confidence in the wisdom of God's dealings with mankind.

In life's experiences I am often reminded of that thought: "There is nothing but God." There may be human sources of comfort and cheer upon which we feel at times very dependent, but soon or later they are removed beyond our reach, or do not prove dependable, and we are thrown upon our own resources to fight

life's battles alone. And how helplessly alone we feel unless there is within us an unfailing source of strength, that strength born of the hope which alone comes from faith in the divine power over our lives, sufficient to meet any and all problems.

There may be times when we come to a valley of perplexities, when we are too weak to go alone, too tired and faint to hear His voice, and He sends a human friend to go with us a little way through the darkest shadows, until in sight of sunlight on the hilltop. Then, if left to go alone with God, it may be best to teach us to trust and follow.

It may be disheartening to reach the summit of the hill, hoping the way may be easy and bright, only to find ourselves plunged into another valley of perplexities, but if we face it with the determination to prove that God is enough to guide us, the shadows will not seem quite so deep nor the sunlight so far away.

I only wish I might attract the attention of others who are discouraged, disheartened and tempted to doubt, as I was, to the fact that there is nothing but God upon whom we may always rely; also magnify the message, "God is enough," until careful meditation upon it might restore faith and courage, as it helped to do in my case. To those who have found it true I would say: Let us hold out a hand (across the "Bridge of Sighs") to those who need the assurance, and say: Come, let us prove that God is enough.

God is enough. Tell Him thy need.
Has He not proved a friend indeed,
When fear and doubt almost prevailed
And untold ills thy life assailed?
Has He yet failed to send relief
To save from doubt and unbelief?

God is enough. He knows thy way
Led through the valley yesterday,

Missionary Page

THE CRY OF THE HEATHEN

A cry is ever sounding
Upon my burdened ear,
A cry of pain and anguish,
A cry of woe and fear;
It is the voice of myriads
Who grope in heathen night,
It is the cry of Jesus,
To rise and send them light.

Oh, how the Master's bosom
Must swell with love and pain
As evermore they meet Him,
That sad and ceaseless train;
And if He holds us guilty
For all our brothers' blood,
What answer can we offer
Before the throne of God?—Sel.

The Sin of Delay

WHY did you not tell us before? Why do not your people who know of Jesus, send more teachers to tell my people?" The missionary replied: "The Church in my land is planning to send more teachers next year." But the newly enlightened soul cried out: "But we die so fast, tell them to hurry!"

The Church of the living God in the United States needs to come in deepest repentance for the great sin of delay. We have moved so slowly for so long while men have died so fast. What of the slogan, "The evangelization of the world in this generation!" Where is it heard today? What of its beauty and its fruition? Today, as someone has said, we discuss, argue, investigate, organize, lag, hesitate, falter and then retrench. Should not the commands of the Master have first place rather than the last in all our calculations and planning? Our responsibility is for conformity, not for consequences. God is calling us to impossibilities in order to drive us to dependence, not on the natural, but on the supernatural. He said to the paralytic, "Rise and walk;" to the man with a withered arm, "Stretch forth thy hand;" to the woman that was bowed, "Stand up;" and to the perplexed, wondering disciples, "Give them to eat."

With this wonderful transforming Gospel we should hasten because we have so long delayed. "The work that centuries might have done, must crowd the hours of setting sun." Here is the attraction of the great, unfinished task. Others have delayed, we must not. World conditions bid us hasten. Evangelism isn't difficult nor impossible now. Doors that are open at the present time may close ere long. Changes are rapidly coming upon us. Today there are great possibilities in the world of Missions. Tomorrow there may be none. In a generation we've come from pony post to radio and from oxcart to automobile. How we have speeded up in everything except missions! Oh, that we

might capture every known way of carrying out speedily the message of the Gospel. Times are propitious and we must steadily refuse the "depression" that would paralyze our missionary purpose.

King Ahasuerus twice proclaimed a royal decree throughout his vast empire in all the languages of his people by swift riders and many messengers, without one of our modern facilities, and did it within one year.

Men and women to take up the burden of the people in the towns, villages, plains and mountain sides, are sorely needed. Oh, for last day sacrifices, for "going over the top" speedily, for those who can not be turned back, for those who see the beckoning hands of those who die because we have so fatally delayed!

"Speed thy servants, Savior, speed them!
Thou art Lord of winds and waves;
They were bound, but thou hast freed them;

Now they go to free the slaves:

Be thou with them!

'Tis thine arm alone that saves.

"Friends and home and all forsaking,

Lord, they go at thy command;

As their stay thy promise taking,

While they traverse sea and land:

Oh, be with them!

Lead them safely by the hand.

"In Heaven to reap, in joy for ever,

Fruit that grows from seed here sown.

There to be with Him, who never

Ceases to preserve His own,

And with gladness

Give the praise to Him alone."

—Selected.

On The Service Trail

The icy blasts were whistling down from the north, whirling great clouds of snow through the darkness, and piling it in huge drifts. The blaze of burning logs shone through the blizzard and the darkness, illuminating the camp of two travelers who were undaunted by the storm.

Jay Forbes and Dave Thurston had pitched camp in the shelter of a thicket of pines just as darkness had fallen in the north country. Their dog team had immediately eaten their allotment of frozen fish and were now sleeping beneath a covering of snow, whence they had burrowed. The men conversed as they absorbed the heat of the burning logs.

"Tomorrow we reach Bolton Station," Dave said, rubbing his hands together. "That is your destination, Jay, and from there you can work the territory to the

west. I am still strong enough to carry on the work this side of the station. There are a good many miles of travel in these legs of mine, despite my age."

"How many years have you been here?" Jay asked the older man.

"Forty years have I carried the Gospel of Christ throughout these regions, traveling by boat, horse, afoot, and dog team. Summer suns, winter blasts, storms and sunshine—I have weathered them each month of the year.

"Don't you realize you are getting too old for such strenuous work? Not many men would keep on as you are."

"That's true," Dave replied, a look of sadness crossing his face. "At my age, sixty, they are ready to quit, and some do. I must stop to some extent. That is why you are taking part of my great parish. But quit? Never!"

Jay looked up at the missionary who had covered that vast expanse of northern country that the scattered settlers, trappers and traders might have the Gospel. "Did you ever feel tempted to quit? To throw down the lines in discouragement?"

The elder man sat for a moment without speaking, a far away look in his eyes as his mind went back through the years to a certain occasion.

"Yes," he finally said, "there was a time when I had almost decided to cease my work. I was completely discouraged. Doubts and fears assailed me, and my heart grew faint."

The old missionary paused, but Jay urged him on. "Would you mind telling me what strengthened your heart?"

"I will tell you, Dave replied. "Perhaps when you are discouraged, the memory of my story will aid you. There will come times of depression, for every servant of the Lord is assailed by this weapon of the evil one."

The older man rose to throw another log on the blaze, then resumed his seat and launched into his story.

"It happened after I had been here for five years. One day I met a man who told of a church back in civilization. He was influential in that church and offered to get me the position of pastor. He contrasted the easier life there. There I would have large congregations to which I could preach and minister; here I never would have more than scattered inhabitants. There I could enjoy all the comforts of modern life, here I must continually battle with nature. I must confess that the picture he painted appealed to me. How many men would exchange places with me? How many would endure the rigors and hardships in exchange for the easier life and larger crowds?

"I asked myself why I should continue on here when such an opportunity as that came my way. Some other person could come to the wilderness and carry on the work I had started. I was tempted to reply in the affirmative, but something kept me from answering just then. I told my friend I would let him know when I returned from the trip which I had planned. And so I started out with

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Exchange Page

OUR EXCHANGE

WE are repeating our article on the exchange page from the Dec., 1931 Lighted Pathway on how to conduct your business meetings as suggested in the little booklet, "How to Organize and Conduct C. of G. Y. P. E." on page eight. If you do not have one of them send to Church of God Publishing House, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn. for one. It will be a help to you in organizing and conducting your meetings.

You know, of course, that everything that is worth while must be done in a business-like way. Some people think that you must run everything but the Lord's work in a business way but that the Lord's business should just run along itself. This is a mistake. If anything should have system and order about it, it is the Lord's work.

Paul said, "Let everything be done decently and in order." This is why we have advocated this business meeting. If your Y. P. E. is a success and your groups are doing good work, you need to come together and talk over the work, and each group should give a report of its work each month. To do this it is best to hold these meetings separate from your regular meeting, so as not to interfere with the spiritual effect of your devotional meeting. We hope to have a plan for you soon by which you can keep a record of your month's work and bring to this meeting. We believe this will be an incentive to better and more efficient work among the groups.

Here is the program for these meetings: First, take up the business of the society and talk over any problem which might come before you. Let the groups report their work and have roll call. You might ask the young people to recite a verse of scripture when their name is called. Have some singing. You might take up new songs and learn them at these meetings. Many wonderful songs go to waste just because no one takes the time and interest to learn them.

After your business is over you may spend some time profitably in recreation consisting of Bible drills and contests. This will help your young people to memorize Scripture, and will help them in getting acquainted, and this is as important as any part of our work. If you are not friendly and sociable, those who are hungry for friends will go where they can get friends. Many of our young people are only babes in Christ and must be cared for very tenderly until they become grown up in the spiritual life. Some of our young people are only in the kindergarten grade and others are in college, spiritually speaking. Let us not forget and try to feed our babes too much meat and choke them.

Here are some contests: Divide your young people in two groups by choosing out like a spelling match. Ask each one to say a verse of scripture and if any

one misses, let him take his seat. Keep this up till they have all been seated. The one who can stand up longest is the winner of the contest. One girl in Knoxville, after this had been used for a while, could recite over a hundred scripture verses.

For another meeting you could have all the young folks bring their Bibles and ask them to find the verse as you call for it. Change from one part of the Bible to the other and see who can find the verse first. You will find some of them looking in the New Testament for Genesis and Numbers, and some in the Old Testament for Jude and Revelation. But before you have had many of these meetings you will see a change in what they know.

Here is something else that I think is good: Take the verse John 3:16 and write half of it on one slip of paper, and the other half on another. Have two boxes to hold them, and put the first half in one box and the other half in the other, then write out another verse the same way, and put half in one box and half in the other, and so on, until you write out half as many verses as you have young people. This will make enough half verses for all. Have your boxes marked 1 and 2. Put the first part of the verses in No. 1 and the second part in the box No. 2. Divide your young people in two groups, the boys in one group and the girls in the other, and pass out the slips in No. 1 box to one group and the slips in No. 2 box to the second group. Then get them to pin these slips of paper on their shoulders and let them find the other part of their verse. This is very interesting and will help you in your Bible memorizing work and you will enjoy it also. Be sure to get your young people mixed up good before you start them out to find their verse. I wish I could meet with all of you, I believe I would enjoy these con-

tests. Don't you?

Fortunate are the young people who have a pastor and wife who take an interest in them. Your pastor and wife and your superintendent should always sponsor these meetings. You may have these meetings in the church or at the homes as your pastor suggests. May the Lord bless and guide you in your work.—By the Editor.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Call to order.

Prayer.

Roll call. (Let each one answer to his name with a Bible verse).

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

Reports of committees.

Unfinished business.

New business.

After the business session the meeting may be turned over to the program committee. Some one should be appointed each time to arrange the contests or whatever you desire and be prepared to have an interesting meeting. These meetings will be a great blessing if they are in the hands of good consecrated leaders, and the young people will look forward to them. The pastor and wife should always be on hand to encourage and help in any way possible.

THE FAILURE OF MAN

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the most illiterate to the most cultured and highly educated. No man can direct his steps aright. Sin and the devil are too strong for him. No code of laws, no organization, nor man power, can match the power of evil and overcome it. God must be in our lives in order to accomplish this. Ah, how every man everywhere needs Him! We ought to sing that song much, "I need thee every hour." "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."—Rev. Walter E. Isenhour, in Christian Witness.

MONTHLY REPORT BLANK

- How many Y. P. E. meetings have I attended during the month?
- How many times have I taken part in service aside from singing?
- How many Bible verses have I memorized?
- How many have I spoken to about their soul's salvation or tried to win for Christ?
- What acts of kindness, such as visiting the sick, poor, or aged have I performed?
- How many chapters have I read in the Bible?
- What other good books have I read?

A report blank like this would be fine to put in the hands of each member of your Y. P. E. to fill out and hand in at your business meeting. It will stimulate activity as nothing else will, as it will show each one what kind of service he or she is rendering for Christ. This blank can be secured from the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn., at \$2.75 per 500; \$4.50 per 1000.

Special mention might be made each month at your regular Y. P. E. meeting, of the one who brought in the best report for the month. At the close of the year present the one who has made the best record for the year with a nice Bible or some other good book.

Inner Circle



THEY SAY

By A. Printzlaw Bowen

Here's what they say a smile can do
When the whole world seems to scowl at you.

They say: it can make the sunshine brighter,

Make a burden's weight grow lighter—
Make the sky a deeper blue—

Did a smile ever do such things for you?

And here's what they say a song can do
When the world seems out of tune to you.
They say: it can take you back thru years
Where smiles lie close to unshed tears—
Where you can live, a moment more,
The days you loved—and said were o'er.

And here's what they say a prayer can do
When all else fails to comfort you.
That a prayer can touch the Ivory Throne
Of Him who hears—that naught else known

Can bring such peace to a weary soul;
Such recompense for Time's heavy toll—
But they say:

It all depends on you

What smiles and songs and prayers DO do.

Sent in by Charlotte Higgins, Harlan, Ky.

Thoughtfulness

By John Timothy Stone

WE had just left the train and were starting down a long, stone stairway to the level of the station. A red-cap had relieved me of my bags. Beside me a feeble old lady was struggling with a heavy suitcase, and naturally had several small bags or packages as well. With-out hesitation I asked if I might carry her suitcase, and with a smile of surprise she acquiesced. At the bottom of the stairs I reluctantly set it down, waiting for her, as I was going the opposite way from the station.

She came more slowly, but upon reaching the gate was met by a strong, lovely girl whom I took to be her daughter or granddaughter. Their affection seemed most genuine.

The smile of gratitude the old lady gave me and her gracious manner set me to thinking. In a moment we had separated, total strangers, but her smile and spirit remained.

I had been troubled about a minor affair and was perturbed and irritable when I left the train, but now all that was gone. A simple, almost unnoticeable deed of kindness had changed the day for me, and I entered quite sympathetically into the sunshine of a beautiful morning. All was the result of a bit of kindness and thoughtfulness.

The good we may do others, or the help we may incidentally give, are small compared with the compensations received. The rewards of thoughtfulness are self-evident. The blessings of kindnesses done are intensive. Anything which gives happiness is likely to bring happiness.

The "cup of cold water" given may quench the thirst of a wan traveler, but it also strengthens the character of the messenger of comfort. "All for the joy of the doing." Joyous life is the result of expression. This spirit may be cultivated by use. To be alert to help others creates courtesy and general good will.

A little lad quickly left his group of companions to help an old man over a slippery crossing. Before the man could turn to thank him the boy had doffed his cap and was running back to join in the fray with his gang.

"Who is that lad?" asked the old man.

A stranger replied, "Only a kid."

"Well," said the old man, "he will be a success, whoever he is." And he was right. Success is not gained merely thru the acquisition of possessions or in large enterprises, but in the worthwhile attitude one holds toward life.

Not "what can you do?" nor "what do you own?" are the important questions in life, but "what are you?"

Impulse to help another is a very natural trait with most of us as we travel life's way, but frequently we feel too busy or are too self-centered to yield to the impulse.

Sometimes valuable friendships result from life's merest incidents. A life story like that of Ellery Walter in his fascinating book, "The World On Our Leg," shows this. His very obstacle proved his asset because of his spirit and inward good nature. Pain and suffering turned his April showers into rainbows all along his way.

The Master gave us an added thought when He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these little ones ye have done it unto me."

This is the "angels unaware" business which makes life always worth while, for little deeds of thoughtful helpfulness concentrate light within, and remove the wrinkles from one's own face. Every congested roadway has some tree-climbing Zacchaeus if we look up, and every well-side has its Woman of Samaria.

If we are wrangling, "who is to be greater," we are likely to overlook the little children playing in our midst, and in our contentions we may forget also the real meaning of life. When we become too eager and selfish to be thoughtful, the real rewards of life itself will escape us and be given to others.—The Advance.

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change page. This will be a great blessing to our Y. P. E. work if you will help us make it so. Come on and let us help to put the Y. P. E. over the top for Jesus. Don't forget that all business is transacted with the Publishing House.

In Helping Others we Help Ourselves

By Zelia M. Walters

RONALD lived in a country that was swept by a flood at long intervals. In his childhood he heard stories of the time the river had risen, and carried away some of the cottages, but he had never seen it spread beyond the flats, though at times in spring it did not get very high and swift. So he grew to be a big, strong youth, and worked for a shepherd in the hill country beyond his home. Then one day the shepherd came running to the field, and cried, "Go at once, Ronald, and help the folks below. The river has risen again. That two weeks of rain swelled every stream in the country."

Ronald ran down the hill. When he came in sight of the river, he saw that a flood like the one of the old tales had come. The river had spread far beyond its banks, and was running swift as a mill race. He turned toward home, for he wanted to help his mother, first. She was at home alone. He saw the cottage, and the water very close to the doorstep. Then he saw his mother come to the door, and turn back into the house for something. Then down the valley came a great wave, towering high over the water. It struck the cottage before Ronald's horrified eyes, and when he looked again, the cottage was being swept down the river, a crushed mass of wreckage.

Ronald turned away in anguish. He could think of nothing but that his dear mother was drowned.

"Come lad," cried a man's voice, as he wandered on blindly. "You must help us. We need every pair of strong arms today, if we are to save those who are being swept down."

Ronald's first thought was to refuse to help. Why should he help when all that made his life happy was gone? Why should he bring safety and joy to others? Then as he looked out on the water he saw three children clinging to a shed, and he jumped into a boat, pulled out into the stream, and got the children into his boat. From that time he worked with the strength of two men. The water was rising higher and swifter all the time. Even the strong men hesitated to go out. Then a mass of wreckage whirled down and lodged against a tree. The tree had once stood in a broad meadow, but was now in the midst of the rushing current. At first they thought it was just a heap of loose wood, but presently a woman cried out that something was moving on the wreckage. The watchers on shore were filled with grief. The mass would no doubt soon be swept away, and the helpless person drowned, yet it was almost impossible to take a boat in there.

"I'll go," said Ronald.

He pushed out his boat well above the tree, and as he was swept down he kept turning the boat into the stream. When

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Children's Page

The Lost Ship

LITTLE EFFORTS

A little child I am indeed,
And little do I know;
Much help and care I yet shall need,
That I may wiser grow,
If I would ever hope to do
Things great and good and useful too.

But even now I ought to try
To do what good I may;
God never meant that such as I
Should only live and play,
And talk and laugh, and eat and drink,
And sleep and wake and never think.

One gentle word that I may speak,
Or one kind loving deed,
May, though a trifle, poor and weak,
Prove like a tiny seed.
And who can tell what good may spring
From such a very little thing?

BIBLE LESSONS

THANKFULNESS

By Hattie Utz

In one of David's psalms in praise of his heavenly Father's goodness to him he wrote, "We have thought of thy loving kindness" (Psa. 48:9). The result of that thinking was that he found many things for which to praise God. Now that the close of another year has come and we are beginning the new year, we should think about what our good heavenly Father has done for us, and should be thankful to Him. Some have happy homes and good Christian parents, while others are out in the cold, bleak world with no one to love and care for them. Should we not be very thankful to God for all our benefits and try to show how thankful we are by sharing our blessings with those who are without?

God loves us all and will care for us if we will trust Him, so let's start the new year by giving ourselves to Jesus and let our lives prove how much we are thankful and how much we love Him.

Memorize Ps. 50:14; Ps. 104; Ps. 107:22; Ps. 147:7; Phil. 4:6; Col. 2:7.

PRAYER

"Our Father, we thank thee for thy care,
And for thy love which is everywhere;
For fathers and mothers kind and true,
For brothers, sisters, and kind friends
too;

For food and raiment every day,
For sunshine that drives the clouds away;
Now help us all to be more true
This coming year in all we do,
That we may all thy will obey
And scatter sunshine along life's way."

FINDING

By Flora E. Trim

Children, to be a Christian what should we find? Christ. "Those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. 8:17.

LIFE. "Whoso findeth me findeth life." Prov. 8:35.

REST. "Ye shall find rest to your souls." Matt. 11:29.

GRACE. "Find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16.

Then we should find our unconverted friends and lead them to Christ. John 1:41.

The result of neglecting to find Christ is failure (John 7:34), disgrace and death (Num. 32:23).

(Memorize scriptures given in the lesson).

OBEDIENCE

By Hattie Utz

Memory work: Exod. 24:7; Psa. 95:6; Psa. 103:20; Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20-22; Heb. 5:9; 2 Cor. 10:5.

The Word of God teaches us true wisdom which we should keep in our hearts and obey, and it is the greatest Book for guidance that we can find. It tells us just what to do to be obedient to God and tells the children about being obedient to their parents. If we are good and true to Jesus, and study and keep His Word we will grow into useful Christian men and women. We will not care for gaining worldly fame or riches only as found in serving the Lord. Children should always obey their parents in what is right, and use their talents for the Lord. Obedience will bring the blessings of God, make us happy and a blessing to others.

DOING OUR PART

By Hattie Utz

Memory work: Matt. 7:7, 9, 11; Matt. 21:22; John 14:13, 14, 15; John 15:7; Eph. 3:20; James 1:5, 6; 1 John 3:22; 1 John 5:14, 15.

This memory work will be good for us without adding very much to it; but we will say that too many ask God for things and never do their part so they may receive. Asking God for something and then sitting down and waiting for it to come our way will prove a failure. We have something to do too. We know the wagon can not move unless the horses pull it. It takes action for anything to move. It is the same way when we ask God to help us. He is always present and willing to aid us and show us the way, but we must do our part, and prove that we really desire help from Him. We shall find that God has done His best for us, and only when we work along with God have we really done our part.

God hath not promised
Skies ever blue,
Flower strewn pathways
Always to you;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain;
But He hath promised
Strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

A small boy, living at a seaside town, once found a piece of wood which he used to make a beautiful little model ship. It gave him many hours of pleasure to sail it by the seashore. One day the tide carried his little boat away, and he went home feeling very sad to think that he would never see it again.

"And I made it with my own hands," he thought to himself.

Some weeks after, he was out with his father in the market. They strolled around, stopping now and again to look at the stalls. They came to one on which were all sorts of odd things. And there what do you think the boy saw? A small ship. Could it possibly be his—the one he had made? Was he dreaming or did his eyes deceive him? No, true enough, it was his own. Eagerly he asked how much it was. "Three pence," said the man gruffly.

Feverishly he felt in his pocket for his spending money. He had brought all he had—three whole pennies—the price of his precious boat.

When he reached home with his father the ship soon had another test of its seaworthiness—in the bath!

Not once would the boy allow the ship to go out of his sight that day. Even when bedtime came round he asked his mother to allow him the privilege of taking it into his bedroom, where he could leave it on a chair.

Having said his prayers by his bedside—as all good boys do—he jumped into bed. Then mother tucked him in and gave him his goodnight kiss.

When she reached the foot of the stairs she heard the boy talking and, thinking this somewhat unusual, listened quietly for a moment. Then she heard him say:

"Ah, little ship, I'm glad you've come back. I thought I had lost you altogether, and I loved you so much. Do you know, little ship, you are mine twice? First you are mine because I made you, and second you are mine because I bought you."

The mother's heart was stirred as she heard these words, for her mind was directed to the great Maker and Redeemer, Jesus, who has the same twofold claim upon us as the boy had upon his ship. We are His because He has made us in His own image—we are the work of His hands. We are His because He has bought us with His own blood, paying the price of our redemption on Calvary.—Publisher unknown, From the Gospel Herald.

HOW MOODY WON THE CHILDREN

Dwight L. Moody was passing along the streets of Chicago when he spied two little girls playing out in front of an underground saloon. His heart was instantly moved with compassion for the children, and he walked straightway into the cellar, and the barkeeper, thinking he wanted a drink, said: "What will you have?"

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ON THE SERVICE TRAIL

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my dog team to cover five hundred miles of vast white expanse.

"I possessed a wonderful dog team — five stalwart huskies, the greatest of whom was Nemo, my lead dog. Sagacious and courageous, Nemo seemed almost human in some ways. He would follow the trail though it was buried beneath feet of snow.

"I had traveled four hundred miles when Nemo was taken sick. He lacked his usual vim in the harness that morning, and by noon he could hardly keep going, though he showed no intentions of quitting. I stopped early in the afternoon that day, thinking perhaps I could doctor him up through the night.

I watched Nemo the next morning as I harnessed the team. He was in his place as lead dog. No matter how he felt, no other dog could take his place. There was a certain pride and dignity in the bearing of that dog as he assumed the place that belonged to him. I looked into his eyes, and a look of pride shone in them. I patted him on the head, and spoke words of encouragement to him. At my signal he leaped forward, pulling the rest of the team in line.

"In less than an hour he stumbled and fell, too weak to travel any farther. I started to unstrap him, but he staggered to his feet and looked me squarely in the eyes. If eyes ever conveyed a message, Nemo's eyes spoke to me. There was such a pathetic, sorrowful look in those eyes that I quickly snapped him in the lead again. That noble beast was near the end of his last trail. Death was near at hand, but even so, those eyes bespoke a broken heart that another should take his place. He wanted to die in the traces.

"Tears blinded my eyes as I saw that dog stagger on without signal from me. His brave, courageous heart was not acquainted with the word quit. For a few moments his strength seemed renewed, and then,"—Dave paused a moment to wipe the moisture from his eyes and swallow the lump in his throat,—"he fell, never to rise. The end had come. Nemo had reached the end of the trail, but he died in the harness.

"I thought I was a strong man, but I shed tears that day when I knew my comrade of many trails had gone from me. I paused there long enough to build a fire and thaw the ground enough to bury him. Good old Nemo! Faithful partner, loyal to the last with no thought of quitting until breath had left his body. No trail was too hard for him. He never complained at the weight of the load, but always leaped into his place with vim and joy.

"All thoughts of the ease and luxuries of a new position left me then and there, never to return. A dog's loyalty to me shamed me in my loyalty to Christ. That night I looked up into the star-bedecked sky and gave Christ my answer. I thanked Him for the privilege of service, and

promised to serve Him in the place where He had put me until I dropped in my tracks.

"That was thirty-five years ago. Some day they will find the body of Dave lying somewhere on the trail, but he, reckoned to have earned a night's repose, will be found dead in the harness, having died for the Christ who did not stop short of the cross for him. He died for me, and I'll stick with Him until the last breath has gone. Perhaps, sometime when the way seems dark and the load heavy, you will think of my story and receive strength to continue."

Silence reigned as Dave concluded his story, broken only by the snapping of burning embers and the howling of the wind. Jay unrolled his sleeping bag and retired. His last vision, ere sleep closed his eyes, was that of the aged missionary sitting before the fire, his elbows on his knees, and chin resting in cupped hands, meditating on memories of the past and looking ahead to the day when he too would reach the end of his earthly trail, having faithfulness stamped on his long years of service.

—The Gospel Minister.

A New Year's Start For Heaven

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able in my new-formed resolution, when I remembered I had turned over my new leaves before, and the new leaves were soon as black as the old ones. Thought I, that will not do, at any rate. And as I sat, I got still more miserable.

My thoughts wandered back to my mother in the homeland. Often she had written and pleaded with me to accept Christ as my Savior. It was generally at the end of the letter, and much as I loved mother's letters, I could not bear to read that part, and used to stop when I was coming to it. How strongly my thoughts wandered back to mother, and from mother to mother's God, and I wondered: Would He help me?

The remembrance of my vow filled me with shame, and dropping on my knees, I cried to God. Well I remember every word of my prayer. It was: "O God, help me." I got up off my knees and looked at my watch. It was half past eleven. Five solid hours had I sat there, and never once did the ball enter my mind. The realities of eternity were before my soul.

After getting off my knees, I remembered there used to be watch-night services at home on the last night of the year, and I wondered if there were any here. Putting on my hat, I went out to look for one, and I found one in an old theatre. The meeting began before twelve, and was in progress when I entered at twelve. Taking a back seat, I listened attentively. A young man was preaching. In simple language he told us that Christ came to save helpless sinners.

Like a flash it occurred to me that He came to save me, and there and then I closed in with the Lord Jesus as my own personal Savior. As I was going out at

the door, a young man asked me if I was a Christian. I told him I was.

I went home that New Year's morning with a strange joy filling my soul; and as I passed the crowds of merry-makers I could not help thinking: Well, I've got something better than you now. Years have passed since then, and He who saved me that New Year's morning has kept and will keep to the end.

Christ alone can save, sanctify, and satisfy. If you purpose at this time making a start with the New Year, let it not be a fresh start with yourself for time, but let it be with Christ for eternity. No conviction, however deep, no resolution, however grand, no vow, however solemn, can save. Jesus alone, Jesus alone, Jesus alone can save.

—G.C.M. in the Christian Graphic

HOW MOODY WON THE CHILDREN

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"Those children for my Sunday-school," replied Moody.

"Children for your Sunday-school! Do you know where you are? An infidel club meets here every Thursday night." But the tactful soul-winner knew it was not a time for retreat, so resting his elbows on the bar he looked into the face of this father, and pleaded with him earnestly in behalf of the little girls. Finally the man's heart was touched, and he said: "I'll tell you what I'll do, parson. If you will come down here next Thursday night and meet the boys in a joint discussion and you win, you shall have the children; but, if not, it is all off."

"Agreed," exclaimed Moody. "I'll be here." Taking his departure, he looked up a little crippled newsboy whom he knew, who could lay hold on God in prayer, and said to him: "Tommy, I want you next Thursday night." When the hour arrived, Tommy and the evangelist entered the saloon. It was full. The men were sitting on whisky barrels, beer kegs, and on the counter, while heads were sticking in at the windows in expectation of a debate.

Moody opened the meeting by saying: "Gentlemen, it is our custom to open our meetings with prayer. Tommy, jump up on that barrel and pray." Whereupon Tommy perched himself on the barrel, turned his little face up toward heaven, and how he did pray! As the tears stole down his cheeks the more tender-hearted beat a retreat, and finally those more rocklike, subdued by the pathos and spiritual power of the occasion, slowly retreated, until there were none left except the barkeeper, Moody, and the praying boy. "That will do, Tommy," exclaimed the evangelist. "I claim the children," said he, turning to the father. "They are yours according to the contract," replied the father, "but it is a queer way to fight." "It is the way I win my battles," said Moody. He had instructed the little boy not to cease praying until he had prayed them all out. It was a piece of strategy full of tactfulness. The reality, the venturesomeness, the tact of such a man is worth emulating.—Selected.

NOTE: Make your program interesting by interspersing songs along with your talks and prayers. This breaks the monotony of continued speaking, and will help to hold those who are only slightly interested. Have one or two specials each time. Listen girls and boys, when you are given something to do always try to make your part interesting and helpful. If it is a song or a talk, pray much over it and seek God's power on your life to help you in giving out to those present so that it will bless their souls. God can help you however weak you may feel. A few words spoken in the power of the Spirit is far more effective than a whole sermon delivered in the natural. Be sure that your life backs up what you say, and what you sing. God bless you and help you to study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

We want you to begin to greet each other with this Scripture, 2 Tim. 2:15. Instead of saying good-morning, just say 2 Tim. 2:15. Write it on your letters; use it everywhere you go, until you have heralded it to the ends of the earth.

Have some good speaker appointed at each meeting to make a closing talk on the subject as a whole. Do not talk too long.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S *Bible Lessons*

LESSON ONE CERTAINTIES

By the Editor

Scripture, Gal. 6:7.
THOUGHTS FOR THE LEADER

We are talking a great deal these days about the uncertainties of the things of this life. If we want to find what the certainties are we must go to the Book of all books to find out. Our text, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," is one of the truths contained therein which by our own observation and experience we find is true. This is one of the certainties of life.

Our text is an old one and is repeatedly used. So much so that reading it suggests things that are stale. But the text is as new as this new day in the life of every man. If you will leave this community on any harvest morning and go out in the rural districts you will find that the farmers are harvesting what they have sown in the fields in which they sowed the seed. The man who sowed wheat in the soil of Texas did not reap oats on the hills of Colorado. It's a part of nature's law that the seed will produce its kind in the soil in which it was sown.

NO MAN CAN ESCAPE HIS OWN SIN

You must pay for every sin that you commit. From the first sin ever committed on earth to the sin you may be committing now by the evil thought in your heart, a harvest has been and will be reaped. The natural seed of wheat may rot and decay in the soil of earth but no seed of evil ever sown in the soil of the heart will fail to bring its tears and woe. It does not pay to sin. The earth had as well try to escape the light of the sun and live beyond his floods of light as for man to attempt to escape the laws of God. You might extract the light from sunbeam, the heat from fire, or power from the storm that disturbs the heavens, but you never can take the penalty out of sin.

PROMINENT PERSECUTORS OF THE CHURCH DID NOT ESCAPE BUT REAPED THEIR HARVEST OF WOE

Herod the Great, the slayer of the innocent and first persecutor of Christianity, died an agonizing death, and his numerous family was extinct in 100 years.

Pontius Pilate, who condemned Christ, was soon afterwards expelled from office and took his wretched life with his own hand.

Nero, after slaying thousands of Christians, among them Peter and Paul, attempted to commit suicide, and failing, called others to his aid.

Maximus put out the eyes of thousands of Christians, soon after which a fearful disease of the eyes broke out among his people, of which he himself died in great agony.

Valens sent eighty Christians to the sea in a ship and burned them alive. Afterwards he was defeated by the Goths, and was himself burned alive in the cottage to which he fled.

When Voltaire, the famous infidel, lay dying, he summoned the physician and said, "Doctor, I will give you all I have to save my life six months."

The doctor said, "You can't live six hours."

Then Voltaire, "I'll go to hell, and you'll go with me."

Hobbs, the famous English infidel, said, "I am taking a leap into the night."

When King Charles IX, who gave the order for the massacre of St. Bartholomew Day, when blood ran like water, and 130,000 fell dead, he cried out, "Oh, God, how will it end? Blood, blood, rivers of blood. I am lost!"

And with a shriek he leaped into hell.

King Philip of Spain said, "I wish to God I had never lived" and then in a sober thought he said, "Yes, I wish I had, but that I had lived in the fear and love of God."

IT IS DIFFERENT WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS DIE

Wesley said, "I shall be satisfied when I awake in His likeness."

Florence A. Foster said, "Mother, the hilltops are covered with angels, they beckon me homeward; I bid you good-bye."

Frances E. Willard cried, "How beautiful to die and be with God!"

Moody cried, "Earth recedes, heaven opens. God is calling me. This is to be my coronation day."

Going to the World's Fair in Chicago a special train on the Grand Trunk, going forty miles an hour, dashed around a curve at Battle Creek, and headed in on a side track where a freight train stood. The rear brakeman had forgotten to close the switch and that train rounded the curve, dashed into the open switch and struck the freight loaded with iron, and there was an awful wreck.

The cars telescoped and the flames rushed out. Pinioned in the wreck, with steel girders bent around her, was a woman who lived in New York. Her name was Mrs. Van Dusen. She handed her purse to the men and gave her husband's address, and then said: "Gentlemen, stand back! I am a Christian and I will die like a Christian."

They leaped to their task. They tore like demons to liberate her and she started to sing, "My heavenly home is bright and fair. I'm going home to die no more." Strong men, who had looked into the cannon's mouth fainted. She cried out, above the roar of the wind and the shrieks of the dying men, "O men, don't imperil your lives for me. I am a Christian and I will die like a Christian. Stand back, men!" and then she began to sing, "Nearer, my God to Thee, e'en though it be a cross that raiseth me!"

YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW IN PHYSICAL FIELD

You will reap what you sow in your own body. Of course there are sicknesses that come from our forefathers and from misfortunes, but if we could eliminate all diseases that come from transgressing God's law it would be amazing how little sickness would be left in the world.

Certain well known vices are followed by awful diseases. Generally speaking Holiness spells health and sin spells disease. There is no richer soil in which you may sow the seed of sin and expect a great harvest than the soil of your own body. Such sins as anger, jealousy, envy, pride and hatred register themselves in your own body and have their physical results. A fit of anger upsets your stomach, poisons your blood, disorders your nerves and often results in paralysis and death.

YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW IN THE FIELD OF CHARACTER

What a fertile field along the river of life is the rich valley of character.

You oppress a man in his wages and you suffer more in your character than his family suffers for the bread that his wages would have bought. You cheat your employer out of a day of time and you suffer more in character than he suffers in finance. Defraud a man in business and you suffer more in what you become than he suffers in what he lost. Every obscene book that you read or vulgar song you sing will tend to make you like them. Every sin that you commit fertilizes the soil of your character to grow a heavier crop of woes.

YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW IN THE FIELD OF CONSCIENCE

There was a certain man who wept in the night, being lashed by his con-

science for the manner he treated his wife before she died—. Ah, the remorse that causes weeping in the night! Such sins become like a thorn in the flesh. A thorn in the hedge may scratch you as you pass by, but a thorn in the flesh wrangles with you wherever you go. Doing what conscience says thou shalt not do is sowing thorns in the conscience that will be more constant and sharper than the thorns in the flesh.

YOU WILL REAP WHATSOEVER YOU HAVE SOWN IN BUSINESS

There are men whom you could trust for \$10,000 and others that you couldn't trust for 10c. Why this difference? One has sown the seed of honesty, the other the seed of deception.

Look at Jacob. He deceived his father, came stealing in and said: "I am Esau." But he paid the penalty. See how his own sons deceived him about Joseph. He deceived Esau—he deceived Laban, and Laban deceived him, for he substituted Leah and Rachel. He tried to deceive God with the streaked cattle—he was a party to the deception his wife practiced on his father. How much better it would have been for Jacob if he had been honest in his business dealings. It would have saved himself and his family many heartaches, but we see that when he came back to God and repented for his sin God made it all work out for good. Oh, how much suffering we could escape if we would live in obedience to God from our youth.

Moody preached one night and pictured sin in all its black repulsiveness, and when he gave the invitation a man lifted his hand, and a worker went and talked with him and said:

"Will you give Mr. Moody your hand?"

"No. I won't. I'm held in the meshes of an awful sin, and to take Mr. Moody by the hand means that I would have to give up and I won't do it." And so he turned his back on Jesus.

THERE IS A REMEDY

William Cowper walked to the banks of the Seine in Paris to end his life. He walked to the bank four times, but he didn't plunge in. He filled a cup with poison, three times raised it to his lips, but he didn't drink. He cocked the pistol, put it against his temple. He did that twice, but he didn't pull the trigger. He heard the story of Jesus Christ and dropped on his knees, and wrote:

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

NOTE: Open your meeting for all to take part after subtopics have been discussed. Perhaps there will be those in your service who will have something to add fresh from a field of experience, which will bring the lesson home to you more forcibly. We trust that through the study of this lesson many boys and girls

will turn from sowing their wild oats and begin to sow the beautiful seeds of righteousness.

LESSON TWO

Paul, the Great Christian Leader and Hero

Scripture Text: Acts 13:47

By Mrs. E. Jackson, Somerset, Ky.

THOUGHTS FOR THE LEADER A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

In the last lesson about Paul we left off with him at Antioch with Barnabas and the church there.

The church at Antioch rapidly prospered. They were not so selfish as to think only of themselves. They began by thinking of their brethren at Jerusalem, then it was not long before their thoughts widened to include those far away.

A group of leaders were led by the Spirit to pray that God would broaden their work. "And as they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," Acts 13:2.

So they obeyed the Spirit's call. About the year A. D. 47 a little company stood upon the wharf of Seleucia, the port of Antioch, and waved farewell to Paul, Barnabas and Mark as they began a great missionary voyage. The voyagers did not know its full importance, but the great chances in life do not come to us with their value stamped upon them.

Paul and comrades sailed to the Island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea for their first stop. They preached throughout the whole island the Word of God.

REFERENCES

A relief caravan to Jerusalem, Acts 11:27-30.

Fasting and praying, Acts 13:1-3.

Experiences on Island of Cyprus, Acts 13:4-13.

IN THE HIGHLANDS OF GALATIA — PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

From Cyprus, Paul, Barnabas and Mark sailed to the mainland of Asia Minor. They landed at Perga. At this place Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem. Straight to the capital of the Roman Province of Galatia, Antioch of Pisidia, journeyed Paul and Barnabas. This was not Antioch of Syria from which they came, but another Antioch in a region called Pisidia. At this place Paul delivered his first recorded sermon. What four churches did Paul and Barnabas found on this trip?

At Lystra Paul healed a lame man. The incident caused the people to try to worship Paul and Barnabas who scarcely restrained them from doing sacrifice unto them. But after a time the Jews stirred the people up against Paul so that they stoned him and left him for dead outside the city. He revived and boldly went again in the city, and on the morrow he and Barnabas went to Derbe. After this they went again to the cities where they had preached and visited the churches

which they had founded; thence sailed back across the Great Sea to Antioch from where they had started for the work which they had fulfilled, being on their journey about two years.

OUTLINE OF THIS FIRST TRIP

Localities—Cyprus and Central Asia Minor.

Distance—About 1400 miles.

Time—About two years, A. D. 47 to 49.

Material—Acts, chapters 13 and 14.

(Consult a Bible map and trace this first missionary trip of Paul's).

PAUL AT ANTIOCH AGAIN

After Paul and Barnabas brought the news to Antioch that the Gentiles had turned to the Lord, a great question arose in the Church. Some of the strict Jews said, "All these Gentile believers must become Jews and keep the Jewish laws about food and feasts, and washings and offerings." Others said that the laws were made for Jews only and the Gentiles who believed in Christ were not called upon to live as Jews.

After many words on both sides, Paul and Barnabas with other believers went to Jerusalem, about 250 miles from Antioch, to lay this matter before the apostles and elders of the Church. The apostles and elders gathered together to consider the question. After hearing Peter's talk on his work among the Gentiles and Paul and Barnabas rehearse what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles through their work, they came to one accord that the Gentiles would not be called upon to keep the laws given for the Jews only.

The apostles sent with Paul and Barnabas two men, Judas and Silas, to bring this news to the church at Antioch, which brought joy to the Gentile believers. *Ref.*, Victory at Jerusalem, Acts 15:1-35.

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Not long after Paul and Barnabas' return to Antioch, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us visit the churches in every city wherein we preached the gospel and see how they fare."

Barnabas agreed but insisted on taking with them John Mark, who went just a part of the way on their first trip. Paul thought it not good to take him who withdrew from them. They could not agree, so Barnabas took Mark and Paul took Silas.

Barnabas and Mark sailed away to Cyprus.

Paul and Silas being commended by the brethren set out north through the Cilician Gates over the perilous trip to the table land of Asia Minor. He went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches. Paul must have felt an urge for the great cities of the West, Ephesus, Athens, Corinth, Rome, and dared to capture them for a greater King than Caesar.

At Lystra where he founded a church on his last trip, he met Timothy who became his coworker. Paul had a conviction that he must press on and not stop in Asia. So they went on until they came to the far famed city of Troy. Here Paul met a physician whose name was Luke. Here it was Paul had a vision and heard

the call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The next day Paul and his company, Luke with them, set sail and crossed the Aegean Sea to the Port of Philippi. There they founded the first church in Europe and remained for some months. Here it was that Paul and Silas were put in prison and an earthquake shook the prison doors open and the chains loose from them and the jailor and his household were saved.

From Philippi the party went to Thessalonica, called in our own times Saloniki. It was here Paul was forced to flee to Berea, thence to Athens. There he waited for Timothy and Silas. Paul left Athens for Corinth. At Corinth he met Aquila and Priscilla. From Corinth Paul went to Ephesus. From Ephesus he set sail for Caesarea, thence back to Antioch.

History says while Paul was at Corinth this time, he wrote the Epistles to the Thessalonians, the first books of the New Testament to be written, and while at Antioch this time after his second missionary trip he wrote the Epistle to the Galatian churches.

OUTLINE OF PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY TRIP

Localities — Chiefly Macedonia and Greece.

Distance—About 3000 miles.

Time—About three years, A.D. 49 to 51.

Companions—Silas, Timothy and Luke.

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

The Apostle Paul did not stay long at Antioch after his second missionary trip but soon started out for another journey among the churches already formed and into new fields.

He went through Syria, crossed over the mountains, entered Asia Minor, coming to the land of Galatia for the third time. Some months later he reached the great city of Ephesus. As his custom was, Paul found work at his trade, he hired a lecture hall and for two years he lectured so that all that were in Asia heard the Word of the Lord.

It was at Ephesus Paul asked certain disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" At Ephesus, God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul, so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons and the diseases departed from them and the evil spirits went out of them.

From Ephesus, Paul went into Macedonia, then into Greece and there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia. Several friends were in company with him now from different places. Before Paul could go to Rome he must take to Jerusalem the collection from the churches for the poor saints at Jerusalem.

OUTLINE OF THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Localities—Chiefly in Asia Minor; Ephesus the center.

Distance—About 3,000 miles.

Time—Four years, A. D. 52 to 56.

Companions — Timothy, Titus, Luke, Aquila and Priscilla.

PAUL'S RETURN TOWARD JERUSALEM

Three months were spent in Corinth just before his starting back towards Jerusalem. While at Corinth this time he wrote his epistle to the Romans and sent it by Phebe, a servant of the Church at Cenchrea.

Then he started for Jerusalem through Macedonia bearing the gifts which the churches he visited had contributed for the church there. Perils awaited him, and feeling that he would not see them again he sent for the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet him at Miletus.

Paul knew the dangers he faced, but nothing could daunt that noble life, "I am ready to die at Jerusalem for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ," he said, and set sail with his gifts.

REFERENCE

Perils at Ephesus—1 Cor. 4:11-13; 15:31-34.

Leaving Europe—Acts 20:1-16.

Farewell words—Acts 20:17-38.

On the way to Jerusalem—Acts 21:1-16.

(Note: Study the map well that covers Paul's travels and work).

LESSON THREE

ABRAHAM AND THE STRANGERS

Scripture: Gen. 18:1-8, 16-19.

By the Editor

THOUGHTS FOR THE LEADER

At the noon hour Abraham sat at the door of his tent in drowsy repose. Brown herds of cattle were grazing on the plain or dozing in the shade, and flocks of sheep covered the ridges like drifted snow. Sarah was busy in the tent.

Down over the Jordan bluffs sunk deep in the valley of the Dead Sea lay Sodom, the wickedest city in the world, whose iniquity was as black and slimy as the pitch that oozed up out of its soil.

Suddenly three mysterious strangers made their appearance before Abraham and instantly he was wide awake and all was activity and hospitality. The three strangers were presently discovered to be heavenly visitants, incarnations or messengers of Jehovah. They disclosed to Abraham and sceptical Sarah that the time was near when the long promised heir was to be born. They then departed towards Sodom where they had further business. Abraham accompanied them as far as the Jordan bluff where an important conversation took place.

These theophanies of the Old Testament twinkle in the twilight of these early times and precede the rising of the Sun of Righteousness, the full incarnation of God, as morning stars herald the dawn.

JEHOVAH'S FRIENDSHIP WITH ABRAHAM

The first fact in the scene is the intimacy between Jehovah and Abraham. It appears that only one of the messengers was with Abraham as they stood on the

heights overlooking the Dead Sea in full view of the wicked city.

"Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

As the promise to Abraham had extended to all nations (12:2-3), the Lord thought that Abraham had a right to know something of the divine purpose in destroying a city under his very eyes.

God might have struck Sodom straight from His throne, but He prefers to visit it by way of Abraham's tent; He could have decided this question Himself, but He will first see His friend Abraham about it.

The essential fact in the case is that Abraham's lofty faith and spirituality brought him so close to God that he was taken into the divine confidence and always had the latest news from heaven.

It is still the high privilege of believers to know secrets of the Divine Mind that are hidden from the worldly-wise and prudent.

Humble human souls are the dear Lord's best interpreters. This is the teaching of Scripture that runs through it from beginning to end. "The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant" (Psalm 25:14). "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare them unto you." (John 16:13-14).

ABRAHAM'S FAITH IN JEHOVAH

The second broad fact in this scene is Abraham's faith in God's righteousness.

The prospect of the righteous and the wicked being destroyed together raised serious questionings and misgivings in Abraham's mind. It seemed to him a manifest injustice that good and bad should be blotted out together and no distinction put between them.

We so often see the righteous suffer because of the wickedness of the world. In this depression thousands of godly people are suffering because of the disobedience of this wicked world, and we think sometimes, "What is righteousness worth if it insures no safety or protection in a time like this?" However, there was one rock in Abraham's faith which made all questionings beat in vain: "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

This was a finality in his faith which nothing could shake; all the years of his pilgrimage had confirmed it. The facts and plans of providence might look dark, but he knew that in God was no darkness at all. And so he took his stand on the rock of God's righteousness and interceded for the doomed city.

The same dark problems that perplexed Abraham still confront us. We could not trust and worship an unrighteous God. God may baffle our mind, thwart our will, crush our imagination, and

rend our heart with the majesties and mysteries of His universe and with the storms and sufferings and sorrows, the tears and tragedies of our human world, and we will trust Him all the more; but our deepest faith, deeper and stronger than any reasons we can give for it or that doubt can bring against it, is that God is just.

This is one of our moral intuitions and certainties that cannot be shaken, the central Rock and Throne of the universe. It is only as we plant ourselves on the rock of God's righteousness that we can have a sense of safety and peace and can worship God in spirit and in truth.

ABRAHAM'S INTEREST IN SODOM

A third fact in this scene is Abraham's interest in the wicked heathen city. Why was he concerned over its threatened destruction? His nephew Lot was there. A tie of blood bound him to the city and he was interceding for his kindred.

We are so intertwined with the wicked and the heathen that for our own sake and the sake of our children we need to pray and work for their conversion. Abraham, however, does not mention Lot and intercedes for the city for its own sake.

Our human kind should appeal to our sympathies and draw forth our service and sacrifice because they are of one blood and immortal nature with us. Jesus told the rich young ruler that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

Another tie of interest that bound Abraham to the city was that he had fought for it and felt that he had some guardianship over it. He knew these people, he had done and suffered and sacrificed something for them, and now he wanted to save them from final fire and ruin.

We can pray best for people whom we know and for whom we have done something; into whose lives we have entered so that we feel their needs. There is a way of standing off from people and praying for them or sending them charity that seems to be a cheap and easy means of discharging our obligations to them. But such prayers and substitutes for personal sympathy and help do not mean much with us and still less with God. We must reach helping hands to people and then we can pray for them.

Abraham knew that God is the God of the whole earth and that the wicked and the heathen are under His providence and redeeming love as certainly as the righteous and true worshipers. Jonah 4:11. Were it not for the mercy of God the whole human race would have been blotted from the face of the earth, but God in His love and mercy sent His Son into the world to deliver from the hands of the enemy, and He is merciful and slow to anger. How thankful we should be.

ABRAHAM'S PRAYER FOR SODOM

The most prominent fact in this story is Abraham's intercession for Sodom. It is a noble strenuous prayer, winning harder and harder victories. He starts with fifty righteous as a sufficient ground for sparing the city, and, having

won this, immediately lowers his offer and pleads that the city be saved for forty-five. Thus he keeps on growing bolder and bolder, his faith rising with his success, until he has the city spared for ten's sake; there, it appears, his faith has been strained to the utmost tension and he goes no further.

Abraham has been censured for displaying in this prayer a bargaining spirit in which he beats down the terms of the Lord as low as he dares. But this is to judge the prayer from a commercial standpoint and reduce it to a business transaction, instead of viewing it as the impulsive pleading of faith.

Abraham started with all the faith he had and asked for as large blessing as he dared; when this was granted his faith instantly grew and he was emboldened to ask a larger blessing; and thus his prayer rose with his faith. Answered prayer urges us on to larger petitions. Faith feeds on its own victories. We cannot really ask God for more than our faith will bear us up in asking, and only as we grow stronger in faith can we grow bolder in prayer.

But Abraham, while ascending in faith, was descending in humility. Each time he went down lower that he might ascend higher. His growing boldness was not the audacity of conceit and arrogance, but it was the importunity of earnest faith.

We have a right to come boldly to the throne of grace, but the higher rises our faith the deeper should sink our sense of humility. "Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

DIVINE JUDGMENT AND MERCY

The interest of the scene culminates in Jehovah's justice and mercy. Again and again he spared the city for the sake of the righteous that were supposed to be in it, lowering his terms, so to speak, until Abraham's own sense of justice could go no lower.

Thus Jehovah vindicated His justice to Abraham's conscience and secured Abraham's approval of His course. God can always vindicate His ways to His believing children, and there is no danger but that He will always prove true to our holiest convictions.

The fact that Jehovah spared the wicked of the city for the sake of the righteous throws a broad light upon His providence. He is not blind after all to the moral difference among men and is always regarding the righteous. The wicked are debtors to the righteous for their safety. The righteous are the salt of the earth; they are the solid, healthy core of society that saves it from total corruption.

The righteous furnish the law and order for the world; they radiate truth and justice and mercy and make the earth a morally habitable planet. Take all the righteous out of the world, and how swiftly would it run its course and plunge into degradation deeper than that of Sodom, and be struck with the light-

ning of God's justice and swept with the consuming fire of His wrath! It is the righteous people in any city that gives it its safety and value. All its marble palaces and splendid wealth would not be worth owning, were it not for its righteous citizens. Righteousness is true patriotism. It may not parade itself on political platforms or make much noise on the Fourth of July, but it is what makes the country a safe and fit place in which to live.

The way to save the country is to save the people from their sin. God's mercy was each time wider than Abraham's expanding faith. We do not ask enough in our prayers. We limit God's grace by our unbelief. Ask great things of God. "I am Jehovah thy God: Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Ps. 81:10).

LESSON FOUR

Laying up Treasures

Scripture: Matt. 6:19-21

By the Editor

THOUGHTS FOR THE LEADER

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Several things in this part of the Sermon on the Mount are, or should be, very easy to understand at the present time, because we are facing such serious problems. Perilous times are upon us and we are forced to look out and see that this life contains nothing certain, nothing worth while that will not reach on out into the great eternity the place we are all traveling to at a rapid pace. Where are we going? We are on our road somewhere either to heaven or hell. We are either sending up material to build us a beautiful mansion or providing fuel to make the fires of hell hot enough to punish us for our sins. Let us see where our treasures are.

UNCERTAINTY OF EARTHLY TREASURES

This is a day of losses. Rich men are having every possession swept away. Banks are failing and the savings of a lifetime are gone. Men and women are committing suicide all around us because of the terrible calamity which has come upon them. We put our money in what we believe to be the strongest bank in our country, but like the Titanic she goes down.

Three things are given as dangerous to the safety of earthly treasures—moth, rust, and thieves. What moth cannot destroy rust may make useless, and what these cannot touch thieves will seek after. Anything that one may look upon seems to be slipping quickly and certainly from the grasp of man's hand. The value of real estate has been so reduced that though a man may have had abundance in past days it has become a load upon his shoulders instead of a means

of income. Stocks that were considered "gilt edge" have become almost worthless in a day. The recent stock market crashes have proved the folly of trusting in them for safety. The fact that in 1930 there were 1326 bank suspensions, involving approximately \$900,000,000 in deposits, that in one November week there were 124 banks closed, and that in one November day fifty-one such depositories of money were closed, should be sufficient proof of the fact that treasures laid up there cannot be considered secure. Even praise and honor may be turned to scorn and shame almost over night. True it is that it is folly to seek safety in the treasures of this earth.

ALIENATION THRU EARTHLY TREASURES

We find that the laying up of earthly treasures will draw our minds and hearts away from God, because where our treasures are there will our hearts be also.

Well has Paul said that "they that will be rich (lay up for themselves treasures upon earth), fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." It is sometimes thought that the rich oppress the poor. There may be a measure of truth in the statement when considered only in the light of and in connection with the present moment, but in the end they oppress and defraud themselves more than any one else if they have fallen into the way of coveting after the gain which is earthly.

A certain preacher, on entering the pulpit, noticed a slip of paper on the stand. Upon examination he found it to be a request for prayer for one who had recently come into possession of great wealth. While wealth consecrated to and held for God may be made a great blessing to the possessor as well as to those for whom it may be used, yet that same wealth, once it gains possession of the man, will be the greatest enemy that he has and will drag his soul to destruction and perdition.

It is in the light of this that Paul exhorts Timothy, a young preacher, to "charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

HEAVEN A SAFE PLACE

Christ gave His disciples advice concerning the place that would be safe to deposit their treasures. His advice was, and still is, that they be laid up in Heaven. There, He said, there would be no loss because of moth and rust. They will meet us there in full. Moreover, thieves will never break through there and steal

them. It makes no difference in what the wealth may consist, whether ability, character, knowledge, or monetary values, no thief can ever rob us of them when they are deposited with Jesus. It may seem for the moment that they have taken them from us, but when we get to the treasure house we will find them all there. Of this Paul said, "For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." So too may we be sure of the safety of those treasures which we have deposited with Him.

TREASURES RIGHTLY USED

Just as riches kept for personal aggrandizement may become an unparalleled foe, so also, those same riches when turned over to God and used solely for His glory may become the avenue thru which our hearts will be bound to Him in love and fellowship as would be impossible in any other manner. Christ said that if our treasures are in Heaven our hearts will be there also. Shall we then hoard to ourselves these earthly treasures, and thus not merely lose them, but also permit them to work our ruin; or shall we turn them over to God in loving trust and obedience and permit them to draw us closer to Him and thus become a blessing to us in the ages to come, when He shall have rewarded us according to what our works have been? Are we allowing these earthly possessions to be made a curse to us, that for the present we may have the applause of men, or are we allowing Him to keep them that they may bind us the closer to Him now and be a reward and blessing in the ages to come?

SACRIFICING IS LAYING UP TREASURES

Men who are laying up treasures in Heaven will not be spending their money for the foolish things of the world but will be putting it in the treasuries of the Lord. The picture shows and other amusement places are getting the money today that should be used for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. Our poor missionaries and workers over the country are suffering on account of insufficient funds to provide for their need, and still our so-called Christians will go on spending their money for the pleasures of the world and expect to find an entrance to that beautiful city by and by. We might bring this right down home to ourselves and make it personal and see what we are spending money for that we could sacrifice for the cause of Christ, perhaps to help some poor struggling pastor or missionary who is out in the neglected fields of earth trying to hold up the blood stained banner of Christ. In our sacrificing for others we are laying up treasures in Heaven.

TALENTS ARE TREASURES

It may be some who study this lesson will not be disturbed about earthly riches, so far as money is concerned but there are none who have not been given a talent of some kind. It may be a talent to sing. How are you using that talent? When you sing do you sing with the one

thought in view, that of saving a soul, or is there a desire in your heart to win the favor of men? The former will lay up for you treasures in Heaven; the latter will perish with the flesh and will be known no more. If you have a talent of speech, do you use that gift to glorify God, or do you speak to be heard of men, and have men to say, "What a wonderful speaker!" And do you feel proud when you are complimented. If you speak with no thought of self in view but for the salvation of souls, then you are laying up treasures in Heaven. Have you a talent of friendliness? Are you a good mixer? If you are, you have a wonderful talent to use for God. Oh, how men are hungering for cheery words and for smiling faces. The world is so dark, so unkind and so selfish. If you use this talent for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom then you are laying up treasures in Heaven. If you have not been given great talents, lay your small ones at His feet and let them be laying up treasures for you in Heaven.

IN HELPING OTHERS WE HELP OURSELVES

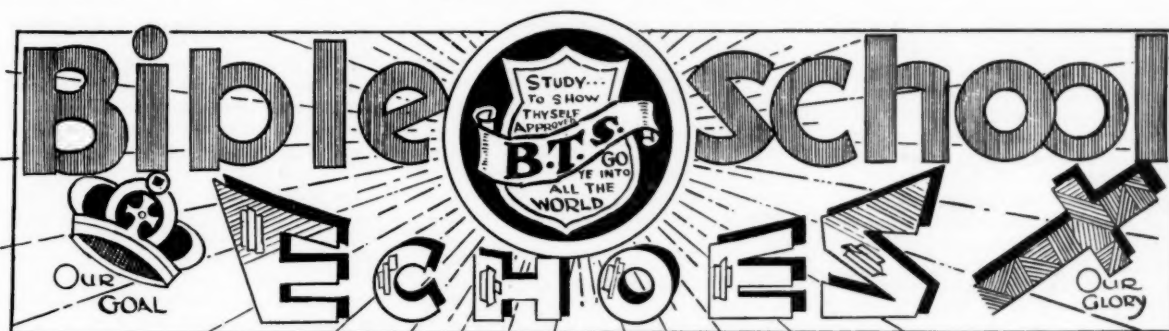
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he came alongside he wedged his boat under a bough, and reaching out touched the bundle on the wreckage that looked like a human form. It stirred. A face was lifted. It was his mother.

He never knew how he got her into the boat, or how they got back. The men waded far into the rushing water, and helped pull the boat to land, and the women led his mother to the fire, and put on dry wraps. When they talked together that night the mother told how she had been swept near some bushes on shore, and she had clung to them until they, too, were covered, and then she had caught at this piece of wreckage and so had been saved.

Ronald walked out alone under the stars late that night to thank God for His goodness, and in his heart he said over and over, "Suppose I had not tried to help the others. Then I would not have saved her."

A wise man says we can not help others without helping ourselves. Sometimes young people doubt this. They can not see that the many kind and courteous things that every day calls for are of any benefit to themselves. This old story is told as one example of that truth. Ronald was unselfishly trying to help others, and he helped himself in the way that counted most in the world. Of course it seldom works out that way, though this is told for a true story of three generations ago. But here is how helping others helps ourselves. Every bit of kindness offered makes us better, happier, more lovely. Everything endured for another gives us more strength and courage for our own tests. Every bit of cheer we put into another's life just makes our own lives brighter and sweeter. Do you believe it? Try it and see.—Boy Life.



NEWS ITEMS

Each Thursday Brother Waldron, local pastor, together with speakers and quartets or other musicians, have service at noon at the Woolen Mill here. It is greatly appreciated and the Lord blesses.

Each Saturday that the weather permits a number of the Bible students assemble together on the courthouse square to have street meetings. Last Saturday Brother Lytle Nelson from North Dakota, preached.

The boys' quartets, No. 2 and 3, went to Knoxville last week-end and sang at that local church. Sunday evening they sang over the radio.

Tuesday Brother Whittington and Brother Yates came after quartet No. 2 in order that they might sing in their revivals in South Carolina. We are expecting them back before school closes.

The girls' quartet No. 1 has adopted for its permanent name "The Four M. B. T. S. Quartet." Girls' quartet No. 2 has for its name the "Gleeful Five" (including pianist).

A MISSIONARY'S MEDITATION

The years of time are slowly slipping by silently but surely, and the sand in the glass of life of each of us is rapidly sinking toward its close. White, brown, yellow, red, or whatever color the skin, by whatever name the nation is known, all are passing through time into eternity beyond and yet, apparently, how few in the countries which are called Christian care for the eternal destiny of the millions of suffering humanity in other parts of the world.

Such are the thoughts that continually run through my mind as I recall the Savior's last command to go into all the world and preach the gospel. In sorrow I ask myself over and over again and find no answer to still my troubled heart: Why are those in the homeland not more interested? Who is to blame that millions are going down daily without even once hearing that there is a Savior? What excuse will they give to their Lord when they meet Him and then realize and know the truth, but too late, that the responsibility of preaching to the heathen rests upon those who profess on His name? Oh, that God will clarify our vision that the lost may hear!

Things Worth Knowing

Q. Of what material were the earliest altars made? What was the religious idea in the altar and what prophetic purpose did it have?

A. The altar was made of earth covered with wood or metal. Ex. 20:24-25. The religious idea was a meeting place between God and man. Its purpose was to prefigure the cross whereon Christ died.

Q. What are the five kinds of offerings and what is the purpose of each?

A. They are: Sin offering, which regarded the worshiper as a sinner and expressed the means of his reconciliation with God. The burnt offering regarded the worshiper as already reconciled and expressed his consecration to God. The trespass offering represented the forgiveness of an actual transgression. The meat offering expressed the simple idea of thanksgiving to God. Peace offering expressed fellowship with God in the form of a feast.

Q. When will the door of mercy be closed?

A. We believe at the opening of the seventh seal, when there was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour. About the middle of the tribulation period. Rev. 7:8.

Q. What valuable lesson bearing up on missions has the Moravian church (United Brethren) taught by its example?

A. The Moravians have set and maintained a standard of missionary devotion never yet approached by any other church body. They began in 1732 by sending out two missionaries; during the next 150 years they sent out 2,170 to various foreign fields. Their report for 1930 showed 136 main stations occupied, 336 missionaries (including 113 native missionaries) and 2,242 other native helpers. The Moravian church sends one missionary out of every 92 members. They have three times as many in their foreign missions as in their home churches, while the Protestant churches send only one member out of two and three thousand.

Q. In a business meeting can a main motion be changed in any way?

A. Yes, an amendment can be added to the main motion and then an amendment can be added to the amendment.

The Supreme Will of God

As we begin the second semester we realize that the close of the 1932-33 term of school is fast approaching. What we will have done by then will be in history. It will be too late then to study harder or try to learn more. These opportunities that we are enjoying now will never present themselves in this manner any more.

I am happy today to know that I have had the privilege to enjoy the "kernel" of the Bible School. I try to get my part of all the music, Bible discussion, and the association of the student body during school hours. Then there is prayer at the prayer room. I find pleasure in meeting with the brothers, and I enjoy that good feeling that accompanies a prayer life. God help us to pray more, be more consecrated, and get into a state that God's supreme will can have full control. I think sometimes that we could compare ourselves to a fellow riding along in the mist and fog in an old ox wagon, eating a cold lunch and paying the fare of a nice convenient bus ride, when we, by following the right procedure, which is prayer, consecration, right living, could move over a little and get in the way that is convenient, and get our warm lunch right off the stove. I believe there is a will of God, and then I believe there is a supreme will of God. There is a work that God wants a person to do and then there is a work that God allows man to do, which is not and will not be as successful as the supreme will of God. Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." We may be doing a good work and then not be in God's supreme will; however, God's blessings are for us if we will be free to let God have our lives. May God help us to seek that supreme will of God, and that abundant life, is my prayer. I would like for all who read this to pray for me that God will get glory out of my life and that I will do the supreme will of God.—James McCoy, Rt. 1, Arley, Ala.

I Appreciate Being Here

I surely praise the Lord for the privilege of being a student in the B. T. S. this term. There is no better place to learn to walk closer to God. We have

good services and good prayer meetings, and studying is a joy.

Although I am a sinner I do know that God is able to fix my feet on the solid rock. I also know that God is able, on my return home, to make me a blessing to others and help me to better understand His will.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all the readers of this paper that I may be saved before it is too late and that I may be a worker for the Lord in His great vineyard.—William Burton, Cambridge, Md.

It is Good to be Here

At the transfiguration Peter said, "Master, it is good to be here," and I feel like making the same expression in regard to B. T. S.: It is good to be here.

Though I am not a student this year, I am glad to be here where I have the association of the students and the influence of the school. I'm a very frequent visitor of the school because it's like a foretaste of heaven to be here. All you ex-students know what I mean. Why to anyone who has ever been here B.T.S. speaks for itself.

It's a great training school for God's soldiers and when the time arrives for departure, I'm sure each student, or soldier, can go forth to the battlefield better equipped for battle. This fight we are in against sin and Satan requires well trained soldiers, fully equipped for battle, having on the whole armor of God. I'm glad I'm a soldier of the cross and my aim is to be a good one, one that will win victories for Christ here and, in the end, the reward of all who are faithful. Having spent three terms in B. T. S. I know what it has meant to me and will mean to others.

Not only is it a training school but has also served as a "saving station." Many souls have received salvation since coming to school here. They just can't help but want salvation when they see what joy it is to others. God's presence is always very real here. I couldn't say anything too good for B.T.S.—An ex-student, Ruby Sue Truesdell.

MEETING CLOSED WITH COMMUNION

RHODELL, W. Va.—We wish to report the meeting held at Rhodell. The revival began Oct. 22 and closed Nov. 6 conducted by Brother H. S. Smith. There was some good done. Five were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. We had an all day meeting with several visiting preachers.

At the close of the meeting we had communion service and feet washing, also made a drive to raise some money to help on the indebtedness of our church building and received \$60.15 for this purpose. Please pray that the church here at Rhodell will continue to grow and that we may do much for the Lord in spite of the devil who is working hard trying to defeat us on every hand.—S. W. Day, clerk, Box 203.

NOTICES

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lowing: Brother I. L. Lanier, Sister I. L. Lanier, Brother A. M. Collins, Sister Lois Erb, Brother Elmer Hance. Unless heard from before next conference their names will be excluded from the Church of God at Frost Proof, Fla.—Loran V. Hall, pastor.

To the saints and friends in Florida: Don't forget the date of the Florida East Coast camp meeting at Miami, Feb. 3-12. We are expecting a feast of good things from the presence of the Lord. God is blessing in the local church at Miami. Some have been saved in the regular services. Things are looking favorable for a good camp meeting. I would like to ask that the ministers and workers in the state who can attend and help us make the meeting a success. Will ask the churches on the East Coast to please wait until after the camp meeting to have your revival. We will need your prayers and cooperation. We are expecting some good preachers and a choir of good singers, also some good musicians. I trust that the meeting will be an inspiration to the work on the East Coast. If you have some seekers in your local church, insist on them coming. We are praying for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit. It will be a good time for them to pray thru. We are looking for some great things to be accomplished in the name of Jesus. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Glory! I feel the fire burning in my soul now.

The conventions are starting off with a good spirit. The presence of the Lord was manifested in a wonderful way in the Lake Worth district convention which convened at Okeechobee. We are praying for every one to be a success. Don't miss the one in your district. If you do, you will miss a blessing. Best wishes to all the churches.—E. W. Williams, Overseer of Florida.

To Kentucky missions: I am now living at West Point, Ky. My former address was Louisville, Ky. Rt. 3, Box 303. Chas. E. Lockard, West Point, Ky., Treas. of Ky. State Missions.

Our new address is 1001 McKinley Ave., Akron, Ohio.—E. O. Sells.

Will Brother Houston R. Morehead or party who held a meeting at Glasgow, Ky. last year please write me at once?—Mrs. Janey Moore, 2501 Montgomery Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.

The Church of God at Spring Place, Ga. will have Home Coming, Sunday, Jan. 29. Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, will be with us. He will preach for us at the eleven o'clock service. We are expecting a good time. All neighboring churches are invited to come. We will make a drive on the General Indebtedness of the Church.—J. P. Green, pastor, Dalton, Ga.

I SHALL RECEIVE A MANSION

I feel led this morning to add my testimony for God. I have never sent in one though I have thought many times of it since coming into the Church of God here at Shelburn, Ind., twelve or thirteen years ago, but it never seemed quite the time. I surely do thank God for salvation that includes everything. I have trusted Him fully since I came in the Church, also for our daily needs. I want to say that if we trust Him and meet the conditions, tithes and offerings, He surely meets our every need.

I have a thought on my heart this morning born of an impression that I shall some day receive a mansion, and as the only mansion I have any hopes of receiving is my eternal one, naturally my thoughts turn to that one, yes to that one! for our eternal inheritance is as real as any earthly one and much more so in these days when earthly possessions are fading before our eyes.

I believe according to God's Word that day by day we are determining what our inheritance shall be. If we expected to inherit a fortune or property here and our benefactor discovered we were robbing him, would he go ahead and give us this possession? NO! He would cut us off without a dollar (or if obliged to will us something, with a dollar), so I am afraid that if I rob God I will be cut off with only a dollar or just barely snatched from the fire with all my works burned and I am not so sure I should receive even that because surely it is much worse to rob God than to rob a bank or some earthly concern here. We all know what the consequence of such a deed would be and though we might escape detection of our deeds here, remember dear ones, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, and I see the reaping every day, God's people that are robbing Him are going hungry. David said, "Never have I seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." The righteous here means much, means paying tithes and offerings, even though we deny ourselves sometimes of seeming necessities.

Oh I can't understand how people can claim to know God and not love Him enough to freely and gladly give Him what is His. Why, I find joy, peace and satisfaction, besides all the material blessings, in denying self for Him. If many Christians would let God turn the search light on their hearts they would find pure stinging at the bottom. It could not be otherwise.

Please pray for me, that I may hold out to the end and claim my mansion. Oh those mansions in the sky, I'm going to claim one by and by. Where we'll never, never die. Hallelujah to the Lamb!—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ivy F. Smythe, Shelburn, Ind.

GENERAL LEE'S FORGIVENESS

Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you (Luke 6:27).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

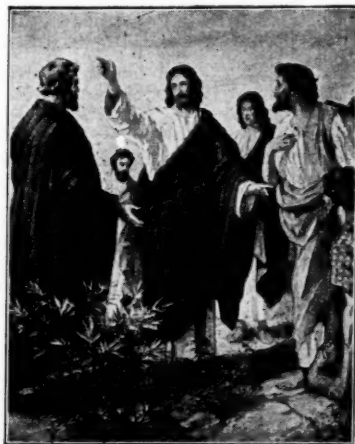
Lesson 6 — February 5

JESUS CHOOSING THE TWELVE

TIME: A.D. 28. — PLACE: Galilee.

GOLDEN TEXT: I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit.—John 15:16.

LEADING THOUGHT: Fellowship with Christ is an essential preparation for effective Christian work.



LESSON TEXT

Mark 3:7-19. "But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judea." Jesus knowing the evil determined against Him by the Pharisees and the Herodians, withdrew from that section of Judea where they were most thickly settled. He did not court martyrdom. He had a work to accomplish and used His own wisdom in how He might best accomplish it. It is better to withdraw from an angry mob than to invite its destruction.

V. 8 shows how effective His ministry was gaining headway. "A great multitude" followed Him from Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumaea, from beyond Jordan, and about Tyre and Sidon, "for they had heard what great things he did." The teachings and healings of Jesus brought great fame unto Him. He could not go to the multitudes but they could come unto Him. He exercised His power and influence over the multitudes by not lowering the moral tone of His teaching, and proving Himself equal unto the occasion of their needs.

V. 9. "And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitudes, lest they should throng him." This verse gives a graphic idea of the great crowds in press around Him; a stampede was possible. Possibly His intention was, that if pressed too severely He would retire from land into the boat and address them from the boat.

V. 10. "For he had healed many; inasmuch that they pressed upon him for

to touch him, as many as had plagues." The Greek word for "plagues" comes from *mastigas*, meaning literally "scourges." Such an expression reminds that diseases are a punishment on account of our sins. Those having such literally fell upon Him, clung unto Him, seeking relief.

V. 11 admits that even devils acclaim Him as the Son of God. Here is true admission and recognition concerning the incarnation, even from devils. See Phil. 2:11.

V. 12. Jesus here exercises authority over devils, which no doubt would and could have aided in trying to destroy Jesus before the time of His sacrifice had He not restrained them. It is worthy of notice that while those having plagues "fell upon Jesus" "unclean spirits fell down before him, and cried saying, Thou art the Son of God." This is little less than worship. But Jesus seeing their wicked and possible purposes restrained them from making Him known.

V. 13. Mark here only mentions Him going "up into a mountain" and calling unto Him "whom he would." Luke 6:12 says, "He went up into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer unto God." "Calleth unto him whom he would." Exercises the divine mind in its perception and choice of whom God would have to be His servants. There is nothing left to the human, unless the divine call and commission is given.

V. 14. "And he ordained twelve." The word for "ordained" comes from *epoiese*, and means literally that He made or appointed twelve. These were to be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach. No doubt such was especially for the purpose of providing proper witnesses and accordance to divine happenings and truth. See 1:22.

V. 15. Jesus imparts unto them the same authority and power as He Himself possessed. Contrast Mark 3:11 with Luke 10:17.

Vs. 16-19 record the names of the twelve apostles. These names have a striking and peculiar significance. Simon means "to hear or a harkening." Petros means a "stone," compounded "a harkening stone." James is the English equivalent for Jacob, which means "supplanter." John comes from Johanan, meaning, "Jehovah hath been gracious." James and John were surnamed Boanerges, meaning sons of thunder, a possible reference unto their mystical and amazing ministry. Andrew means manly. Lest by my continual coming "I weary thee" I will stop. All other names are, however, deeply significant of the ministry and lives of the apostles.

Y. P. E. ORGANIZED AT EASTON, MD.

The local Church of God organized a Young People's Endeavor on Nov. 8, 1932 with thirty-two members. Our pastor, Brother C. W. Milligan, assumed the responsibility of being president and we have a real enthusiastic leader. As we are yet an infant organization we only started out with two teams, each con-

sisting of a captain and sixteen members. Our age limit runs from nine to forty and the members seem to be evenly distributed as to age and talent, for the team that has the oldest members is no more talented than the smaller members' team. We have had three meetings which seem to get better all the time. Our meetings are Thursday night. As we haven't had any business meeting thus far we haven't definitely decided anything about finance or new members.

Much interest is being shown by older people as well as the young ones and many want to become new members. These will be taken care of at the first business meeting we have. We ask a special interest in your prayers that we might be in the first sprinkle of the mighty outpour of God's blessings and that we might be a real light for the Church of God at Easton.—A brother under the blood and a follower of Jesus, Roland Hickson, secretary and treasurer.

GOD IS DOING GREAT THINGS

The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad. *Psa. 126:3.* We are truly glad that tonight finds us still saved, sanctified, baptized with heaven's good Holy Ghost and fire and in the great Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth, praise the good Lord. The further we go up the shining way, the sweeter it gets. Some will say that they do not feel as good as they did when they started. If you do not you had better go to the altar and stay until God sends the fire. We are proud to say that God is still our healer and we are determined to trust Him right on. It is just wonderful to trust God for soul and body.

We truly praise God for the good services at Union Grove last Friday night. The service began with songs and prayers. The Lord blessed in this part of the service. Then a dear Brother Burt conducted praise service and the service got better and better. After the praise service our dear state overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, brought the message which was really inspiring. For any one to have known how wonderful it was they would have had to be present. Brother Johnson gave a chance for membership and there were six added to the Church of God, praise the good Lord! It was just grand, glory to Jesus! We are proud of our dear pastor, Brother C. G. Coggins. He is a humble man of God. Our church is coming to the front.

We had a wonderful service Sunday night. The Sunday School is increasing also. We want it to grow and grow and grow. Glory to Jesus. Dear Church of God folks everywhere, we came into the Church of God by covenant, let's do our very best for God and His Church. What do you say? Please pray especially for us that we will do our best. God has given us His best.—Your brother and sister in Jesus and the great Church of God, Lenon Easters and wife, Rt. 2, Box 14, Lenox, Ga.

The Tragedy of Modern Theology

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of disloyalty, but a criminal act. King Saul was commanded to fight the Amalekites and to take no booty. The temptation to increase his influence, from the human standpoint seemed perfectly legitimate. He considered it. He yielded to temptation. He disobeyed. He lost not only the blessed leadership of the Holy Spirit but the confidence of his people. When Samuel called to see him, he told the prophet he had performed the command of the Lord, but he lied, and Samuel knew it, and said unto him, "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Ah, be sure your sins will find you out! Saul was a wonderful man, but like all men he too must have a decision day. He came to the fork in the road and he turned to the left. Covetousness led him into the ways of sin and into a life of shame. Men may deceive men, but men cannot play with God and get by. Saul rejected the divine revelation for the theories of men. The thing he thought would increase his power, robbed him of his influence and left him dead. Compromising is a dangerous venture.

Napoleon compromised and went down. On one occasion he is reported to have said, "My policy consists in governing men as they wish to be governed. By becoming a Catholic I have ended the Vendean war; by becoming a Moslem I gained a footing in Egypt; by becoming Ultramontane I won over public opinion in Italy; if I governed Jews, I would rebuild the temple of Solomon. So too, I will talk of liberty in the free part of San Domingo, and I will retain slavery in the Isle of France." The shameless practice of compromising with right and honor brought Napoleon to Waterloo and to St. Helena. Compromising with the gospel message of salvation, seeking the praise of men rather than the will of the Lord, will turn the most efficient scholar and eloquent speaker into sounding brass and bring his life to an end in the valley of fear and remorse. Believe God's Word! Preach God's Word! Live God's Word and God will take care of you.

A religious society that enters into commerce and politics has fallen from the divine system of operation. Organized Christianity has become commercialized until the message of salvation by regeneration is rapidly becoming a doctrine of the past. The opinions of men, like themselves, die shortly after they appear, but the laws of God are not only unchangeable but abide forever. Remove infidel leaders from their high seat of religious authority, give the people facts and not theories, and you will not only see the evidence of genuine Christian experience, but your church will be filled with earnest worshippers and converts will be a common event.

ATHEISM IN SMALL DOSES

Modern Theology is the chair of religion in the school of evolution. Modern Theology and the theories of evolution go

hand in hand and are inseparable. When you attack Darwin's theories of evolution you incite the ill will of those who hold to the doctrine of Modern Theology. The Twentieth Century evolution is Modern Theology. You are taking atheism in small doses when you accept the teaching of Modern Theology.

When a minister of the Gospel or a teacher in the school can no longer accept the Biblical account of creation, can no longer believe in the Virgin Birth, the vicarious death, the bodily resurrection, the divine plan for divine healing, and the second coming of Christ, he should immediately separate himself from Christian society, for he is unworthy of the fellowship of such a body.

A man must accept the Bible or reject it, for there is no middle ground. To question, minimize or lay aside any portion of the Holy Scripture is a criminal act, for it is written, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable," and, "If any man shall add unto these things, God will add unto him the plagues that are written in this book, and if any man shall take away from the words of the prophecy of this book, God will take his part out of the Book of Life and out of the holy city." It is a losing game to fight against God, "For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Some modernists, whom I have known in the school of theology, are very egotistical and assume to be even superior to those who have attained the same degree of schooling. Much book knowledge sometimes spoils a lot of common sense. Seeking to change Biblical statements to harmonize with your own theory, is not a safe road upon which to enter. Fallen men and ruined lives through the ages should be sufficient danger signals for those who are inclined to be skeptical.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

A form of public worship without the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit is the popular system of today. No wonder our churches are filled with empty pews, There is a reason. Have I not told you? It is always midnight where the Holy Spirit is crowded out.

The Bible is not the production of mortal mind! Christ is not a myth! Satan is not unreal! Heaven is not imaginary nor is hell a dream! Some of the advocates of Modern Theology seem terribly grieved over this slimy theory of evolution, when the fact of the matter is their doctrine has made possible the teaching of this hell-born theory of evolution. Some men are so broad that they are flat, so liberal that they are ridiculous and so self-conceited they are blasphemous.

The one who will not accept the Bible as the Word of God and the final word of authority, should not hang around and live off folks who do. A profession without an experience is hypocrisy. A man has the right to express his religious convictions, but no man has the right to remain in a Christian church and at the

same time repudiate the fundamental doctrines of that body. If the Bible is not infallible, it is not authority; if the Bible is not authority it is not the Word of God; and if the Bible is not the Word of God then we are lost and on our way to an everlasting grave. Oh, the tragedy of unbelief!

Soldiers of the Lord Jesus, to the front. Lift high the banner of the cross! Beneath the blood-stained arch of Calvary take your place, and proclaim the full gospel of a crucified, risen, ascended and glorified Christ, until He comes again, whose right it is to reign.—The Latter Rain Evangel.

THE POWER OF GOD FELL

CLIFFVIEW, Va.—Another revival was held at Fox, Va. with good success. On Oct. 29, 1932 the writer took Brother Buford Woolwine and Brother John McCraw to Fox and started a revival. The first service there were two at the altar and they continued coming to the altar. Sunday night after the service closed Brother Woolwine brought a message in tongues and got the interpretation of the message and delivered it. The power of God fell and one girl on the outside or the church got saved and fell under the power and was sanctified. One boy was sanctified and lots were made to rejoice in the Spirit of God. One girl got her experience back. Some others were heard rejoicing as they went home and have been made to look this way. There were six saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water and eight added to the church. It has made the community look this way. While there was a fight with the enemy, yet thanks be to God, we got the victory.

We desire the prayers of God's people that the work will prosper in this district this year.—W. H. Elmore, district pastor and writer.

8 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST, 7 ADDED TO HE CHURCH

SMITHTOWN, Ky.—On Nov. 6 we began a revival here at the Church of God with Brother R. H. Bell and wife conducting the services. The revival closed Dec. 2. The enemy was very strong and resisted hard but we made some gains anyhow. With much praying and real preaching and with the hard working of the saints there were nine converted, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and seven added to the church. Five of the seven that were fellowshipped by the church had the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Geneva Worley, a niece of Brother George Fore, once state overseer of Kentucky, received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues for over an hour. They took her away from church still talking in tongues. She is only ten years old and she looked like an angel. Pray for our success in the work here as we expect to work hard this year for the Lord. —Yours truly, Dillard Clark, clerk.

A Prospectus for Hell

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singing or dancing or games in hell. Can you imagine men enduring eternal burnings, breathing sulphur fumes eternally, singing or dancing or playing? There will be no friends there. Friendliness is of God. God sends His rain on the just and on the unjust, and so He sends kindness and friendliness and family affection even into the hearts and lives of sinners. But in hell husbands and wives will curse and hate each other, and every one else will do the same—because God is not there.

Opportunities offered. Is there a good chance for us to get on, to improve ourselves and our condition? That is a natural question of course. But in hell there are no opportunities. Every man's hand will be against you. There is nothing to employ one's mind. There are no pleasures to be even hoped for. There are no rewards to be gained. There is not even a moment of relaxation or change to be planned for.

If you are going to hell, my friend, you have done well, extremely well, to have read this prospectus. It is always a fine thing to read up on the country which you are going to make your permanent home. But now that you have studied the subject what do you think of it? This prospectus has been made up from the Word of God. Unlike many, even most, prospectuses it is faithfully true and it may be relied upon implicitly.

Do you want to change your plans? I hope you may, and if you do Jesus will help you. But perhaps you say "I am not planning to go to hell." No, I suppose not, but when you took up this prospectus did you not realize that though you expected to turn around, still, as you are going now, hell is the place for which you are headed? Unless you have a living faith in Jesus and have accepted Him as your Savior, you are headed for hell. There is salvation in no other.

God saw so clearly what I am telling you about hell, and His soul was so grieved for you as He saw you on the way to hell, that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, that you might have a way to turn aside and be enabled to make your home in heaven. When God was willing to go so far as that for you, should you not be ready to do something real and earnest for yourself?

Let me plead with you, dear, you for whom my Savior died on the cross, you who are headed for hell but who were not fashioned for that dread place, turn around today. Harden not your heart. Cry out to God, confessing your sins. He will forgive. Believe Him, and you will find it is so. Don't wait to find a better time. Now is God's time. You may be in hell tomorrow, or the move you now feel tugging at your heart may be gone, and you will not turn in time to escape hell. Jesus loves you so. His heart is grieved because you will not accept His salvation. Come to Him now. Fall down where you are and make a real business of con-

fessing and forsaking your sins. He will help you and have mercy upon you and forgive you, and adopt you into His family, and take you to Himself where He is.
—Tract.

ELDORADO, ILL. BLESSED WITH GREAT REVIVAL

We have just closed a three weeks' revival that has done much and lasting good. Sister Cross did the preaching, and to say she did it well does not describe the forceful manner in which she gave out the Word of Truth. As she preached the power of God would be manifested and the Holy Ghost would confirm the message. It was a real Pentecostal feast to the Church and a time of great conviction to sinners. There were twenty-five saved, twenty sanctified, and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. An epidemic of influenza hindered the last week of the meeting and we had to close earlier than we intended on account of so much sickness.

Sister Cross is a special revivalist and her sermons reached many hearts. We are expecting further results from her work here. One Baptist preacher received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues. He is a member of the Church of God and will soon be preaching for the Church he has opposed.

The church here is moving on in service for the Master and we are expecting great success in 1933. We are well pleased with our State Overseer and feel that the work in the state will prosper thru his service. We expect to open another revival campaign soon and ask that every reader of this report join with us in prayer for a great ingathering of souls.
—J. P. Hughes, pastor.

LOVE AND UNITY PREVAILED

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Trafford, Ala. In some ways this was the greatest revival we have ever had the pleasure of participating in. The quickening power of the Holy Ghost was wonderfully demonstrated. We saw the greatest number dancing under the power that we have ever seen at one time except at the General Assembly. Two things that we were especially impressed with were the love and unity that prevailed among the saints. I didn't notice a bit of friction.

The church has Brother Edgar Crider for their pastor. Under his leadership it has more than tripped itself in the last two years. In this revival three were filled with the Holy Ghost, three sanctified, eight were added to the church, five new ones and three transfers and some of the best citizens of Trafford are seeking. We have spent three months of this year running revivals. Brother Elisha Jolly has been a valuable helper in all these meetings, also my wife has helped in some of them. Please pray for us. —Your brother in His service, W. E. Motes, Trafford, Ala.

CHURCH SET IN ORDER WITH 14 MEMBERS

The Church of God was set in order in Norfolk, Va., on Nov. 18, 1932 by the writer with fourteen members and one to be transferred from another church and state. The outlook is fine for a great work in the city of Norfolk. It has about a hundred twenty-nine thousand population. If we get one out of every thousand we will have a fair sized church. We can do that! But if we can get one of a hundred that will be still better. We believe that God should have more, even all of them.

Like Joshua and Caleb we have spied out the land and by the help of God we can take it and from the appearance of the fine looking saints that God has already given us and their earnest desire to work and accomplish something for God, I fully believe that God will bless them for His name sake and to the blessed Holy Trinity be all the glory.

I, too, want to praise God for the good fellowship of the saints of God in this state and the many blessings He pours out upon us daily.—Faithfully, Laud L. Vaught, Overseer of Virginia.

WORK MOVING ALONG NICELY

A three weeks' revival closed here Sunday night, Nov. 27. In spite of all the enemy could do God gave us another successful meeting in which five were saved, four sanctified, several healed and the saints were made to rejoice. The spiritual condition of the church at the close was much improved.

Brother A. B. Reed of Cleveland, Ohio, who pastored the church at St. Louis, Mo. last year, did most of the preaching. Brother Reed studied medicine, also spent four years during the World War in France besides being reared a Catholic. He is a clean, fine young man who stands foursquare for the Church of God and is a good preacher. Brother Reed will be engaged as evangelist in my district for a little while, then he will be open for calls in Ohio or elsewhere. Dear preachers, you will do well to get Brother Reed for a meeting. You will find him a number one evangelist. Give him a call.

As a whole the work on this district is moving along nicely under present conditions. The Lord is blessing every department of the churches and progress is being made in spite of the depression. We are especially very thankful for the way God is blessing the young people. We have a fine group of promising young people who are busy, true blue, loyal Church of God workers.

We have so much to be thankful for in this time of depression. God is still providing our needs including showers of blessings fresh from the glory world. We ask that you remember us in prayer as we hope to get into some new fields during this year.—Your brother in Christ, T. F. Blackwell, 341 Pike St., Marietta, Ohio.

MINISTERS' MEETING, OLUSTEE, FLA.

Oh, the sweetness of heaven's joy and bliss floods my soul this morning for He so precious abides. He proves to be a present help in every time of need. We are moving on for God here. My members are all willing and anxious to know and do the precious will of God; the great Spirit of God fills every heart as we study God's Word in our church services. The saints are made to shout for joy and sometimes a whole service is swept on and on by the mighty power of God, some weeping and making progress at the altar.

On Nov. 8 the church entertained the Ministers' Meeting here. There was a good delegation from most of the churches around and as far as I know every one of the ministers was here. The God of love and power met with us. As the morning session began at ten o'clock the sweet presence of God put His seal upon the session. Our efficient and loved State Overseer was present and in charge. His sound, godly counsel to the body of ministers was a precious feature of the meeting. Brother H. L. Chesser gave some helpful and needful counsel of the Sabbath School. The presence of the Lord was burning upon our souls as he spoke. Some items of business were called and acted on favorably, also at the morning session. Then with hearts flowing full of praise and hallelujahs we adjourned for a good healthful, country dinner. Wife and I were overjoyed to have a good portion at the parsonage for dinner. Some brought and spread dinner, others were entertained in the homes of members and friends.

The fire of God's approval was present at the beginning of the evening session. Some little items were mentioned and passed on. We also had a very precious message fresh and warm from God's heart of love by our State Overseer. Brother U. D. Tidwell spoke about the young people's work and gave much and good counsel on that line and was precious blessed throughout his talk by a heavenly anointing. So adjournment of the evening session was reserved by the Lord as the best and oh how Heaven's glory swept upon us and filled each heart, expressed by dancing, speaking in tongues and shouting the victory in an old time way, then handshakes and good-byes and all agreed that one of the best Ministers' meetings was our gift from a loving God. Amen and hallelujah!—J. W. Shaw, Box 116, Olustee, Fla.

WE FEEL ENCOURAGED

KINGSPORT, Tenn.—I want to thank and praise the Lord for His goodness and love and for sweet victory this morning. Praise His dear name for the love I have for God's cause and all of His children and the Church of God. I thank Him for the way He is blessing us at Kingsport. We certainly feel encouraged and I know that He will never leave or forsake those that continue to pray and measure up to God's Word which means holiness, truth,

loyalty, love, always to be kind, to visit the sick, help the poor, pay tithes, offerings, love and cherish good, abstain from the very appearance of evil, love our neighbors, love and pray for our enemies and so many things that we fail in many times, but my prayer is to get closer and for God to bring my thoughts, heart and mind in subjection to His will and help me each day to continue to move up.

Brother Robert Flinchum of Salem, Va. started a revival here just after the Assembly. We certainly did enjoy his preaching. He surely did preach plain and straight. The saved and unsaved were very much interested and we had large crowds. Every one showed good interest. There were about seven saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, the two and one-half weeks he was here, and many more were blessed and encouraged. Several of the Assembly of God folks have seen the light on the Church of God and some of them have joined the church here. Brother Scarr continued the revival two weeks and there were five or six more saved, two or three sanctified and one or two filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us here at Kingsport that God will continue to bless the work. It is very hard here financially as some of the folks are out of work. There are but a few able to contribute to the work here.

We surely do love our pastor and believe he is a real pastor, willing to suffer and sacrifice with the rest but we don't want him or his family to do that. We desire the prayers of God's people that the Church of God will rise and shine for God here this year. You all have our prayers.

We had Brother Helton from Bristol with us three nights and he surely did preach good. The glory of God shone on his face. We surely do thank God for him as a district pastor. He is on fire for God. I am saved, sanctified and have the precious Holy Ghost and am fully determined to go all the way with the Lord. Please pray for my mother, brothers and sisters.—A sister in Christ, Grace McGlothlin.

HAS GREAT SUCCESS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

DANDRIDGE, Tenn.—To the Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. This morning finds me with old time religion that saves from sin, sanctifies and baptizes with the sweet Holy Ghost.

I will write a few lines in regard to our Sunday School here and how it got started. We had prayer meeting at my house Oct. 28, 1932 which was on Friday night. We got to talking about where we would have meeting the next Friday night. Nobody said anything. There was a brother there who had an old house with four rooms and I said to him, "Charlie (his name is Charlie Rhinehart) what about that old house of yours?" He said that we could have it so we said that Sunday morning, Oct. 30 we would have Sunday School down at that old house.

Well, we went down and found a very

good number of children and older folks. They began to come in. We organized the school with a membership of thirty-seven who did not go anywhere to Sunday School. We did not have any literature except our Bibles. We wrote to Brother E. C. Clark, editor and publisher, to send us some literature and he did. Say brothers, sisters and friends, the next Sunday we had sixty present with twenty-five in the card class and the next Sunday we had seventy-two present. We are hoping to get a Church of God set in order soon. The name of our school is the Indian Creek Chapel. We want everybody who knows the value of prayer to pray that this school will be the means of a Church of God at Indian Creek Chapel. Pray that I will be a sour winner for the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, Milas A. Hale, evangelist.

5 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

BROOKSVILLE, Fla.—A good revival has just closed at a schoolhouse about four miles west of Istachatta, Fla. on the road to Brooksville at the spot where he set the Rock Hill church in order sixteen years ago with Brother C. M. Padgett in charge.

Since then the church has shifted about to different places and at the present it is ten miles away. Brother Padgett came here and ran two revivals both lasting about five weeks. Five were filled with the Holy Ghost, quite a few were saved and sanctified. He set a new church in order at the same place when holiness was first preached sixteen years ago with eight new members, and seven transferred making fifteen members in all.

God's Word said, Remove not the old landmark. Prov. 22:28; 23:10. It has been shifted around until God would have Brother Padgett come back and start His work up here again. Well, they will be two different churches. Both used to be one but each has plenty members for two churches. The Lord is blessing each although they are only ten miles apart. The new church is at the old spot where the church once was and it was given the name sixteen years ago of Rock Hill. There will be some change as to the name of one or the other churches in the future. We now have Brother S. P. Chesser as ordained deacon. He came from the old church. His wife, Ila Chesser, is clerk for the new church and Brother C. M. Padgett is pastor. Brother Leon Thomas is our district pastor.

The church can be found one and one-half miles east of No. 5 state highway on the Istachatta road crossing at Snows Filling Station. We are planning to organize a Sunday School Sunday evening at 2:30 and have prayer meeting every Wednesday night and Sunday night. Every one passing by we would be glad to have you stay with us in these meetings. We all ask an interest in your prayers for the new church at this place to rise and shine for the glory of God and be able to redeem the time and give out meat in due season.—A brother in His cause, J. L. Sumner.

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REQUESTS

I request prayer of all the brothers and sisters for the healing of my back. I can hardly get up. I am suffering very much.—Bethel M. Cantrell, Sparta, Tenn.

Pray that the Lord will completely heal my wife, that she may have that faith that will take no denial.—J. W. Snodgrass, Celina, Tex.

Saints, pray for me and my loved ones. Pray for my unsaved father, sister and husband, also my seventeen year old brother. He has T. B. and is unsaved. Pray much for these. Pray for my one year old baby that the Lord will heal his little body. May the Lord bless and save souls is my prayer.—A sister, Maggie Archibald, McCamey, Tex.

Please pray a special prayer for Miss Rubie Waddington as she really needs your prayers. She has had chills and fever since about the middle of November and now has the flu and is very weak. She is trusting the Lord for her healing. She has salvation. Do not pass this by because she needs help.

We are in a revival at this place. Pray for the Lord to give us victory. People come out but don't seem much concerned about their soul.—A sister under the precious blood, Mrs. J. H. Arline, Crystal River, Fla.

Dear saints, please pray for my husband as he is sick and afflicted and can hardly get about. Sometimes he just gives way and falls. Please pray for me as I have nervous indigestion and my health is not good. We always loved to work for Jesus and when we were able we went thru the heat and the cold and did our best. We still have the Holy Ghost and are on our way to Heaven, members of the great Church of God. Please don't forget to pray for my poor afflicted husband.—Your humble sister in Jesus, Mrs. A. D. Green, Augusta, Ga.

I am saved, sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost. Pray that the Lord will give me the satisfying portion. I am like a hungry man away from home. Please pray for me.—Yours in Jesus, W. B. Vance, Shell Creek, Tenn.

Be it known that Lester Willder's funeral was held in his home instead of at the church as I stated in the obituary. Please pray that my home will become a home of prayer. May the Lord stir my heart for the mission cause as never before. I want to be a doer of the Word. May God bless His children everywhere.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 14, Dade City, Fla.

Kendrick and Flora James of Larmie, Wyoming request prayer that God will send some true Church of God minister to their town to hold a revival. Larmie is a very beautiful little railroad town and chances are good for a good work there. They also request prayer that God will heal Mr. James' body and save their unsaved loved ones.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD YEAR

Greetings to the Evangel family. We had the privilege of attending the Assembly last year and we wish to thank all who made it possible for us to go. Had it not been for your help we could not have gone. Some in Texas sent us some help. May God bless you all. It was a feast to our souls. Tongues cannot tell how we enjoyed the trip and the power and presence of God while there, or greeting the saints of God from far and near. It was wonderful! We had so many tests last year in sickness and death and to go was a great help, indeed, to us.

We are looking forward to a good year in these states for God. We have some new workers in the state this year. Bro. and Sister Watts, Brother and Sister Largin, and Sister Morgan are now in a revival at Hot Springs. Pray for a new church there. God can help us. Financially it looks very dark here. Men are out of work but our God holds all in His care. Pray that He will help us. God is blessing souls.

We had a good meeting Sunday night. Three young men went to the altar. One received the Baptism and one was at the altar in the Wednesday night service. Pray that God will help us. We have some good saints at Jal who do their best to help us. We thank God for them: Brothers J. C. Kimmel, T. M. White and J. D. Pyeatt and others. Pray God to bless them there. Hobbs is looking for a new pastor there soon. We want to get a work in Colorado this year, the Lord willing. I am sure God is willing. We are willing to help all we can and suffer if needs be to see the work go on. Don't only pray for Old Mexico but remember New Mexico too. It is just as needy here as a mission field and it is ripe and needs help. Don't forget us. May the Lord bless all who read this and pray, pray, pray for us over here.

On the field today we are working,
To save the souls of men,
Let's pray for one another,
For our work is now begun.

It won't be long, dear Pilgrim,
Our work will soon be done,
Then we will find a welcome,
With those who have gone on.

Be faithful, oh! be faithful,
'Tis but a little while,
We will see the face of Jesus,
And meet Him with a smile.
—A servant in the Master's work, Mrs.
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